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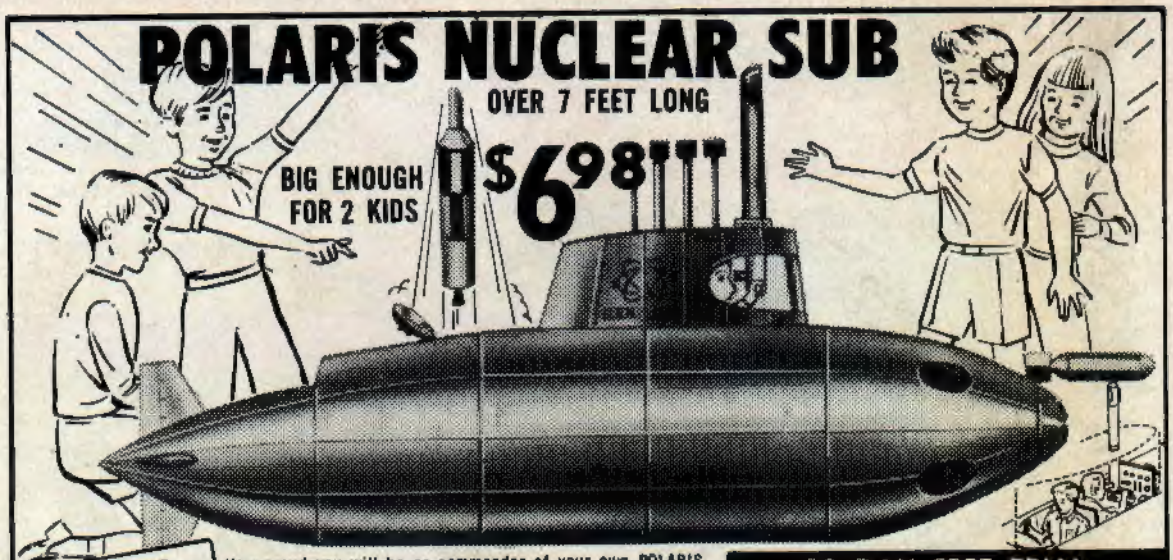

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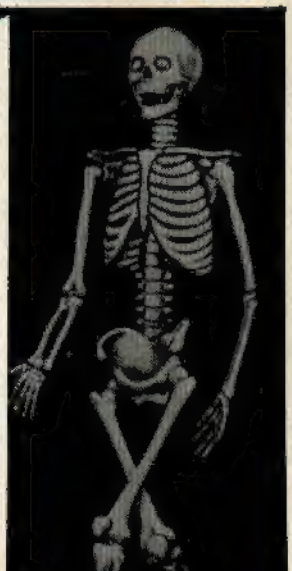

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WE WARN YOU.
DO NOT TRY TO STOP US!
FOR YOU WILL ONLY BE WASTING YOUR TIME.
OUR WEAPONS ARE AS FAR SUPERIOR TO YOURS AS WE ARE TO YOU!
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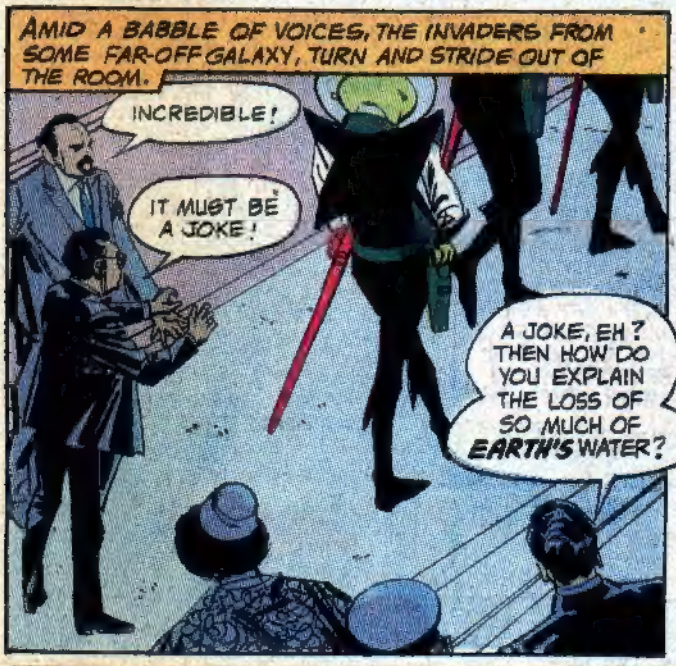
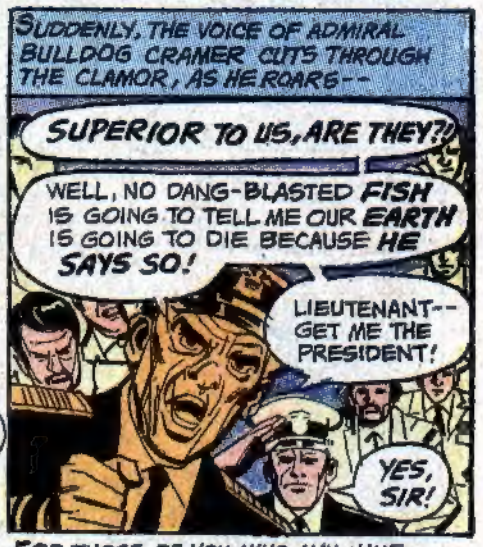

AMID A BABBLE OF VOICES, THE INVADERS FROM SOME FAR-OFF GALAXY, TURN AND STRIDE OUT OF THE ROOM.
INCREDIBLE!
IT MUST BE A JOKE!
A JOKE, EH? THEN HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE LOSS OF SO MUCH OF EARTH'S WATER?


SUDDENLY, THE VOICE OF ADMIRAL BULLDOG CRAMER CUTS THROUGH THE CLAMOR, AS HE ROARS--
SUPERIOR TO US, ARE THEY?!
WELL, NO DANG-BLASTED FISH IS GOING TO TELL ME OUR EARTH IS GOING TO DIE BECAUSE HE SAYS SO!
LIEUTENANT-- GET ME THE PRESIDENT!
YES, SIR!

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY HAVE MISSED THE LAST ISSUE OF ADVENTURE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF WHAT'S TAKEN PLACE BEFORE FOLLOWS ON THE NEXT PAGE--

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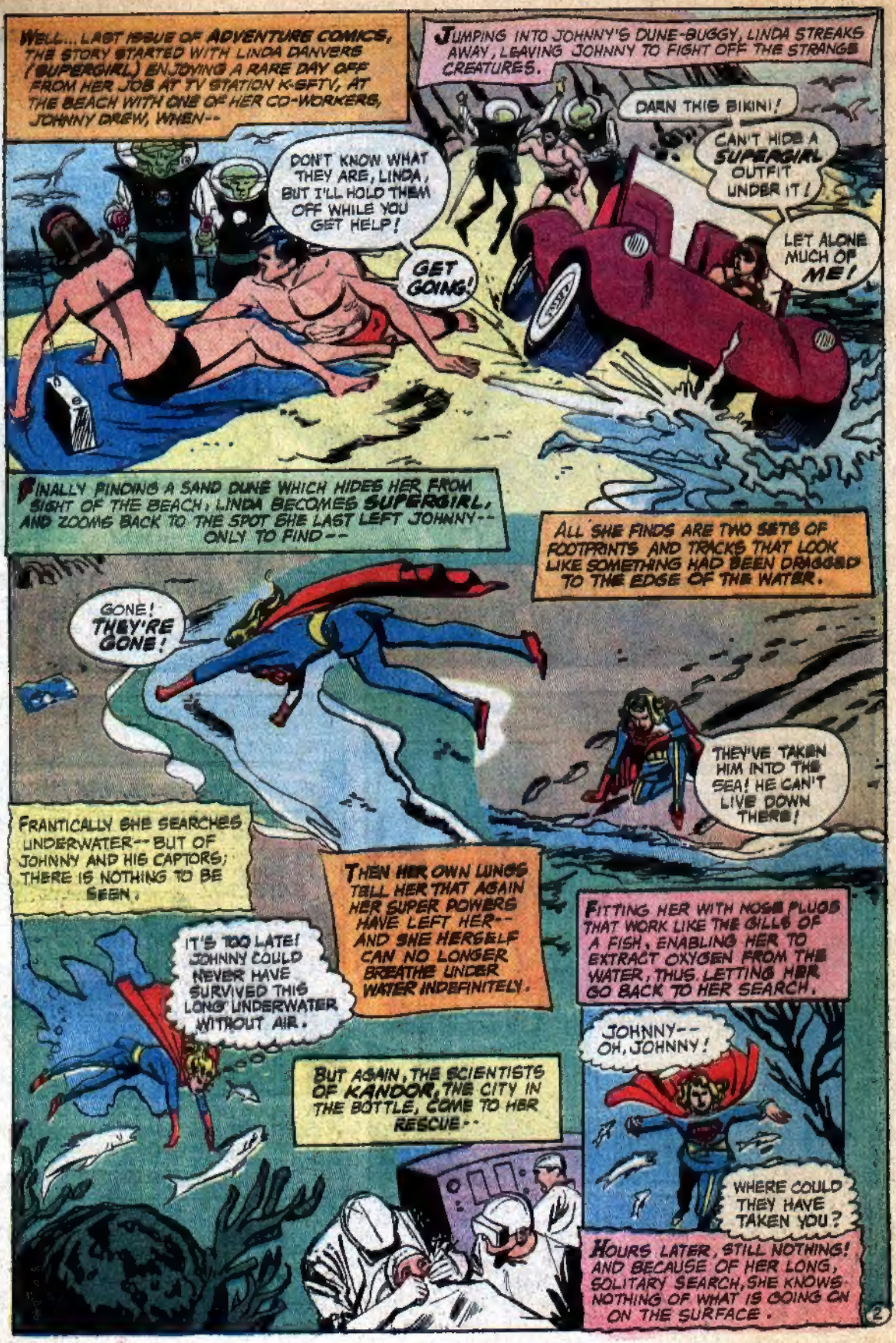
WELL... LAST ISSUE OF ADVENTURE COMICS, THE STORY STARTED WITH LINDA DANVERS (SUPERGIRL) ENJOYING A RARE DAY OFF FROM HER JOB AT TV STATION K-SFTV, AT THE BEACH WITH ONE OF HER CO-WORKERS, JOHNNY DREW, WHEN--
DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE, LINDA, BUT I'LL HOLD THEM OFF WHILE YOU GET HELP!
GET GOING!
JUMPING INTO JOHNNY'S DUNE-BUGGY, LINDA STREAKS AWAY, LEAVING JOHNNY TO FIGHT OFF THE STRANGE CREATURES.
DARN THIS BIKINI!
CAN'T HIDE A SUPERGIRL OUTFIT UNDER IT!
LET ALONE MUCH OF ME!
FINALLY FINDING A SAND DUNE WHICH HIDES HER FROM SIGHT OF THE BEACH, LINDA BECOMES SUPERGIRL, AND ZOOMS BACK TO THE SPOT SHE LAST LEFT JOHNNY-- ONLY TO FIND--
ALL SHE FINDS ARE TWO SETS OF FOOTPRINTS AND TRACKS THAT LOOK LIKE SOMETHING HAD BEEN DRAGGED TO THE EDGE OF THE WATER.
GONE! THEY'RE GONE!
THEY'VE TAKEN HIM INTO THE SEA! HE CAN'T LIVE DOWN THERE!
FRANTICALLY SHE SEARCHES UNDERWATER-- BUT OF JOHNNY AND HIS CAPTORS; THERE IS NOTHING TO BE SEEN.
THEN HER OWN LUNGS TELL HER THAT AGAIN HER SUPER POWERS HAVE LEFT HER-- AND SHE HERSELF CAN NO LONGER BREATHE UNDER WATER INDEFINITELY.
FITTING HER WITH NOSE PLUGS THAT WORK LIKE THE GILLS OF A FISH, ENABLING HER TO EXTRACT OXYGEN FROM THE WATER, THUS LETTING HER GO BACK TO HER SEARCH.
IT'S TOO LATE! JOHNNY COULD NEVER HAVE SURVIVED THIS LONG UNDERWATER WITHOUT AIR.
JOHNNY-- OH, JOHNNY!
BUT AGAIN, THE SCIENTISTS OF KANDOR, THE CITY IN THE BOTTLE, COME TO HER RESCUE--
WHERE COULD THEY HAVE TAKEN YOU?
HOURS LATER, STILL NOTHING! AND BECAUSE OF HER LONG, SOLITARY SEARCH, SHE KNOWS NOTHING OF WHAT IS GOING ON ON THE SURFACE.
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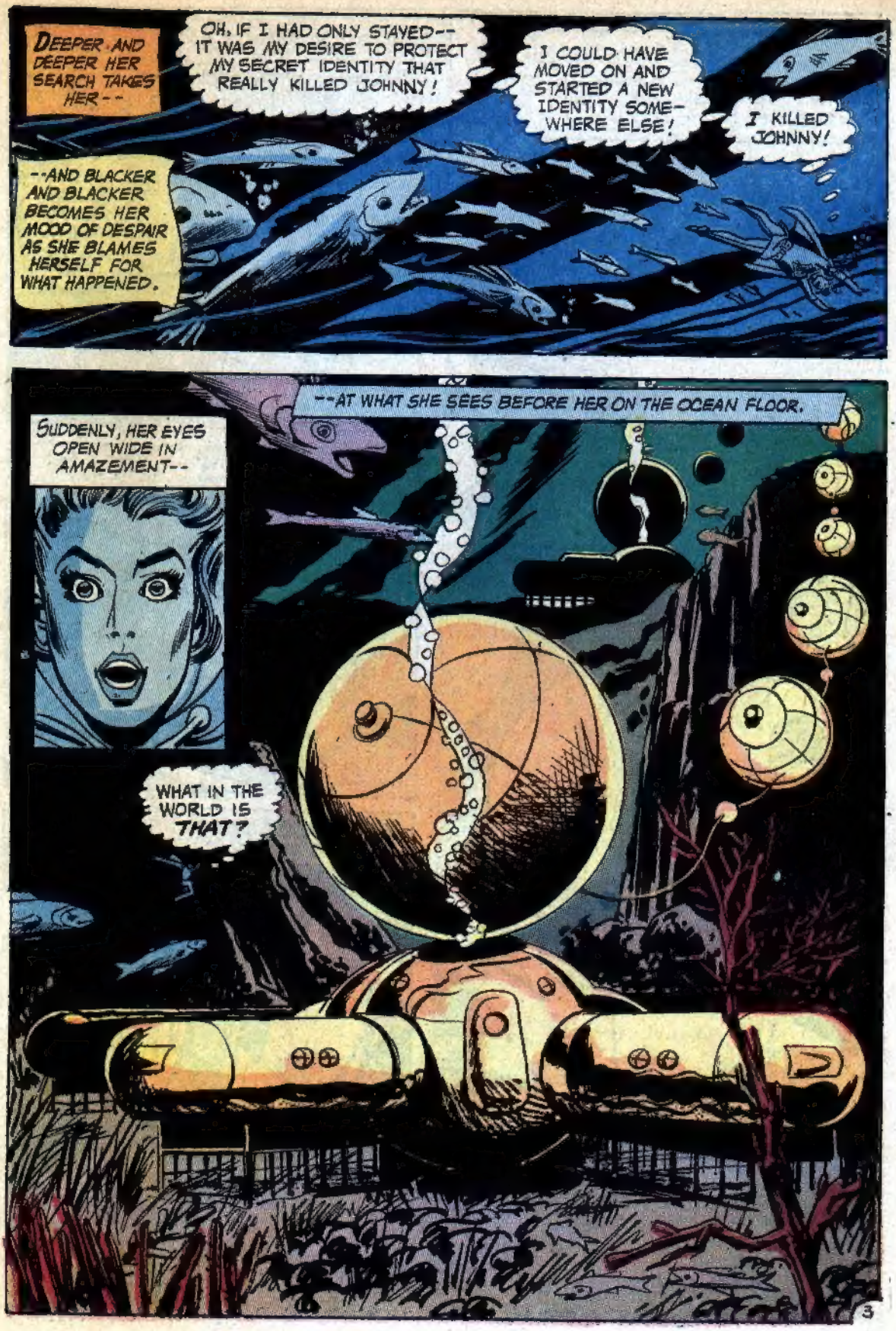
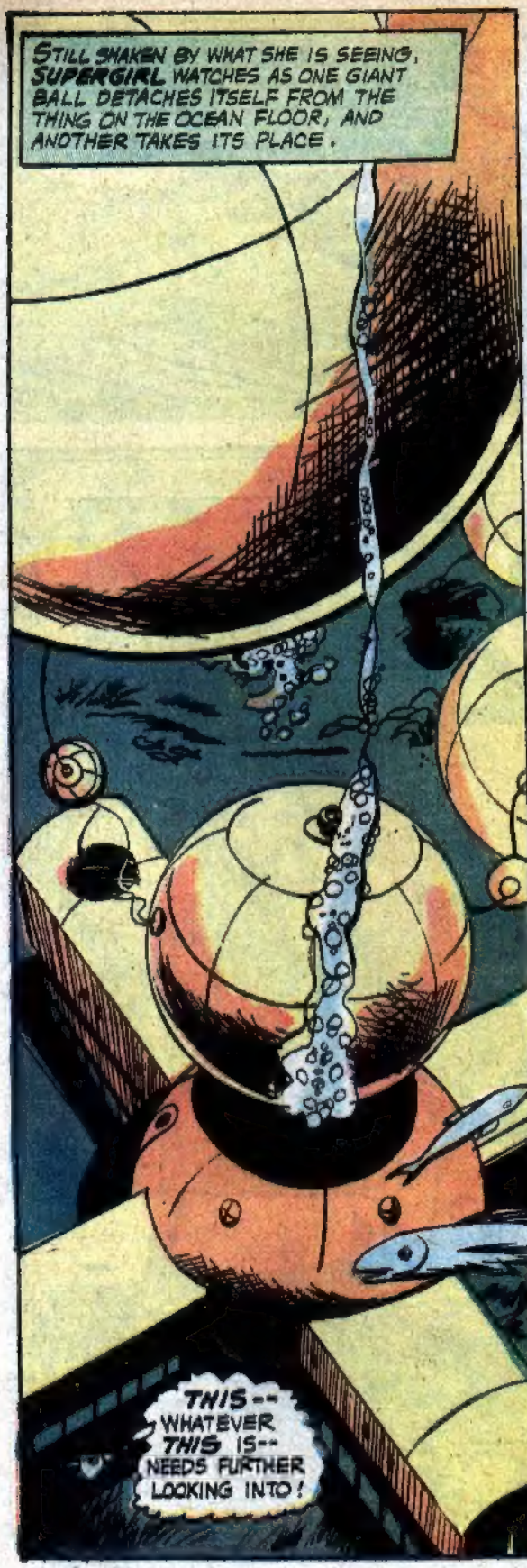
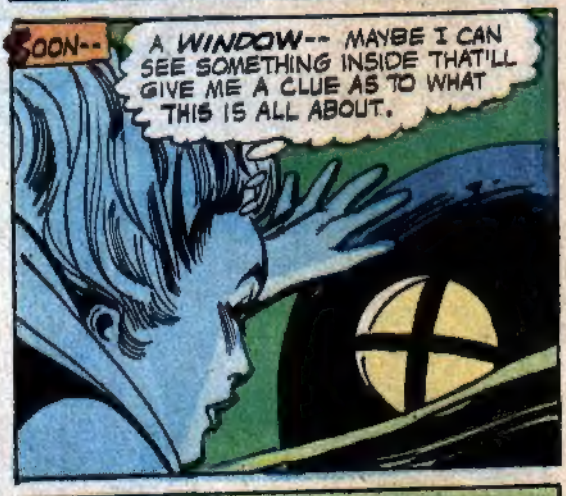
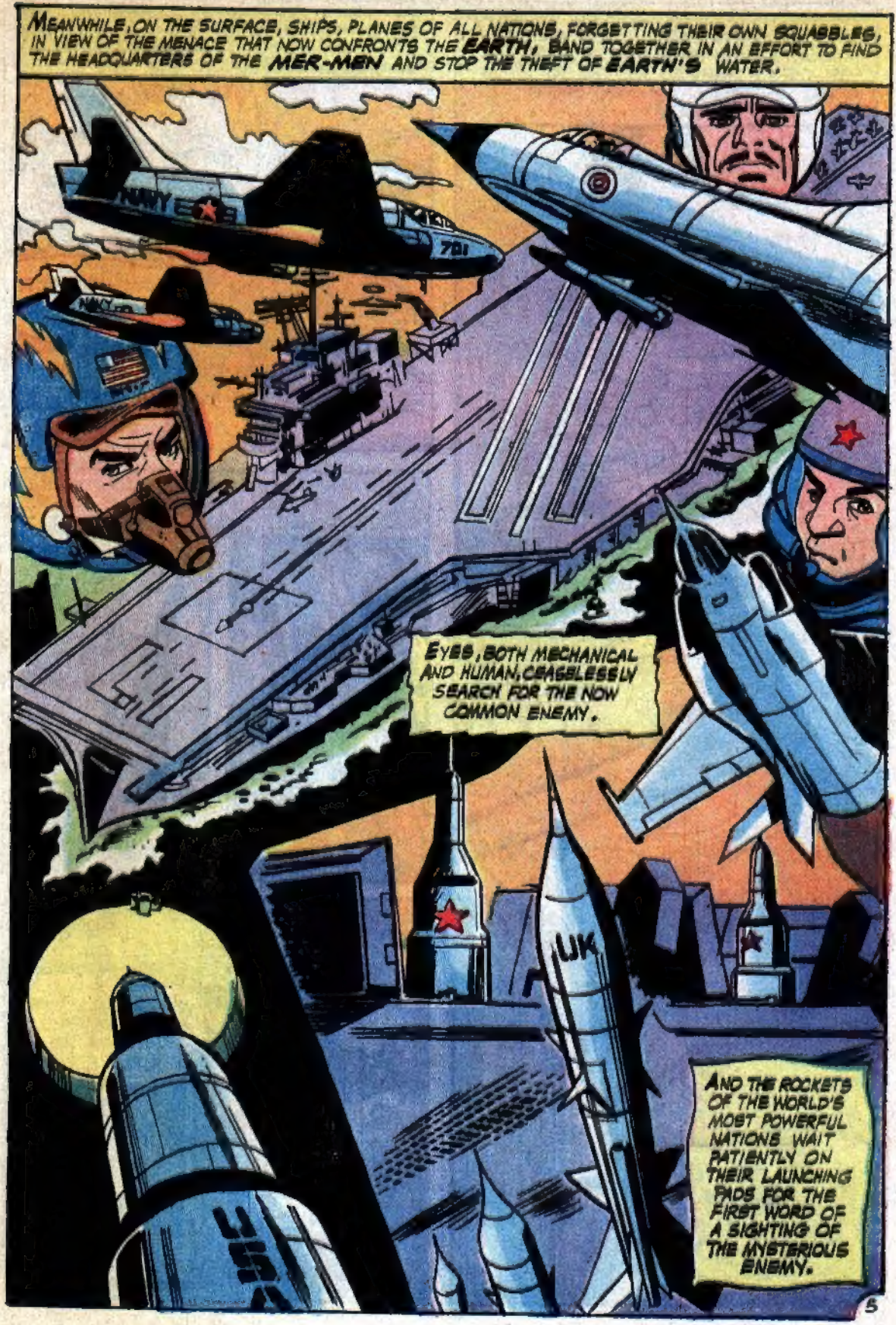

DEEPER AND DEEPER HER SEARCH TAKES HER--
OH, IF I HAD ONLY STAYED-- IT WAS MY DESIRE TO PROTECT MY SECRET IDENTITY THAT REALLY KILLED JOHNNY!
I COULD HAVE MOVED ON AND STARTED A NEW IDENTITY SOMEWHERE ELSE!
I KILLED JOHNNY!
--AND BLACKER AND BLACKER BECOMES HER MOOD OF DESPAIR AS SHE BLAMES HERSELF FOR WHAT HAPPENED.
--AT WHAT SHE SEES BEFORE HER ON THE OCEAN FLOOR.
SUDDENLY, HER EYES OPEN WIDE IN AMAZEMENT--
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT?


STILL SHAKEN BY WHAT SHE IS SEEING, SUPERGIRL WATCHES AS ONE GIANT BALL DETACHES ITSELF FROM THE THING ON THE OCEAN FLOOR, AND ANOTHER TAKES ITS PLACE.
THIS -- WHATEVER THIS IS -- NEEDS FURTHER LOOKING INTO!

CAUTIOUSLY, EYES CONSTANTLY SEARCHING TO RIGHT AND LEFT, SUPERGIRL STARTS A CAUTIOUS SEARCH AROUND THE STRANGE STRUCTURE...
LOOKS LIKE NOTHING EVER BUILT ON EARTH.
OR MAYBE IT'S SOME SORT OF TOP-SECRET EXPERIMENT.


SOON--
A WINDOW -- MAYBE I CAN SEE SOMETHING INSIDE THAT'LL GIVE ME A CLUE AS TO WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT.

HER AMAZEMENT KNOWS NO BOUNDS AS SHE PEERS INTO A WINDOW AND SEES.
JOHNNY!
AND HE'S ALIVE!


MEANWHILE, ON THE SURFACE, SHIPS, PLANES OF ALL NATIONS, FORGETTING THEIR OWN SQUABBLES, IN VIEW OF THE MENACE THAT NOW CONFRONTS THE EARTH, BAND TOGETHER IN AN EFFORT TO FIND THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE MER-MEN AND STOP THE THEFT OF EARTH'S WATER.
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EYES, BOTH MECHANICAL AND HUMAN, CEASELESSLY SEARCH FOR THE NOW COMMON ENEMY.
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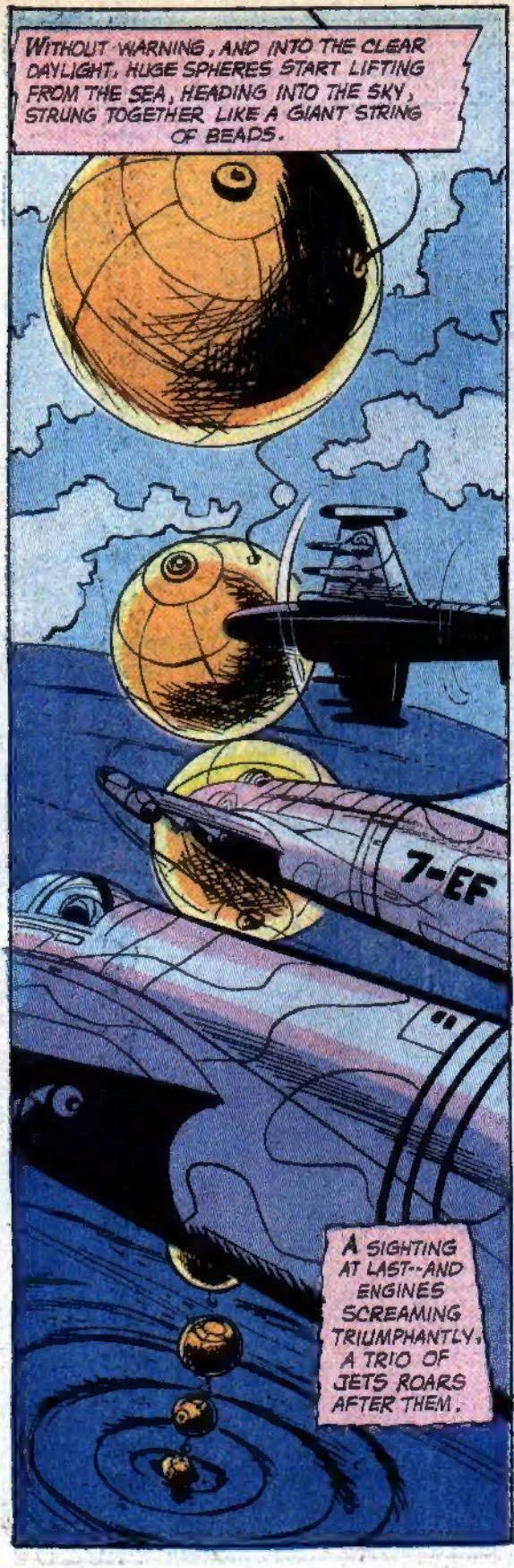
AND THE ROCKETS OF THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL NATIONS WAIT PATIENTLY ON THEIR LAUNCHING PADS FOR THE FIRST WORD OF A SIGHTING OF THE MYSTERIOUS ENEMY.


WITHOUT WARNING, AND INTO THE CLEAR DAYLIGHT, HUGE SPHERES START LIFTING FROM THE SEA, HEADING INTO THE SKY, STRUNG TOGETHER LIKE A GIANT STRING OF BEADS.
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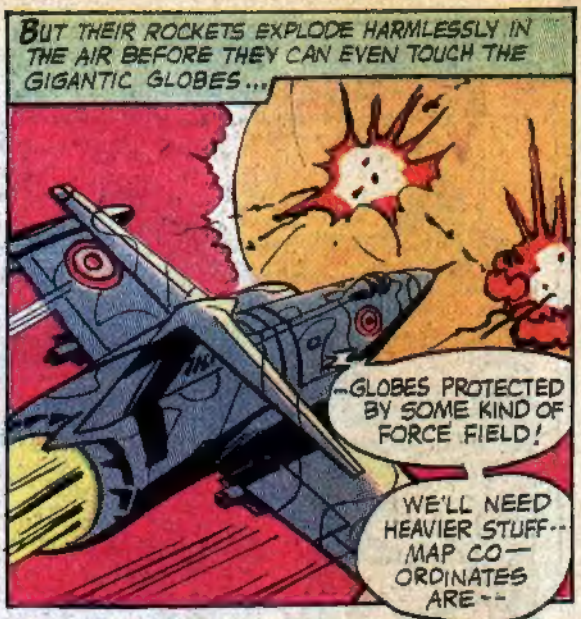
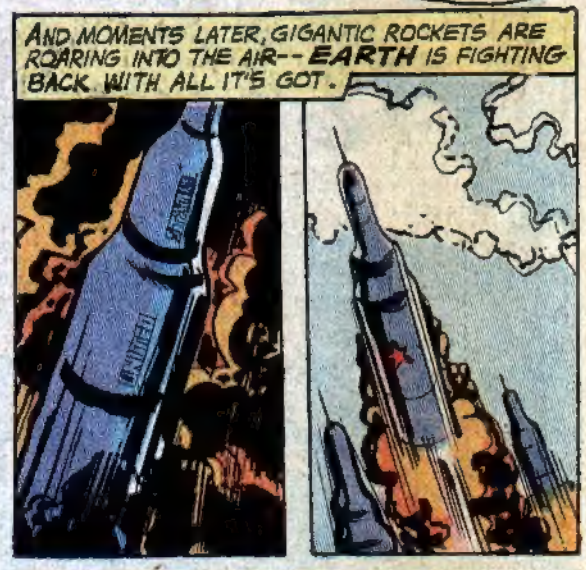
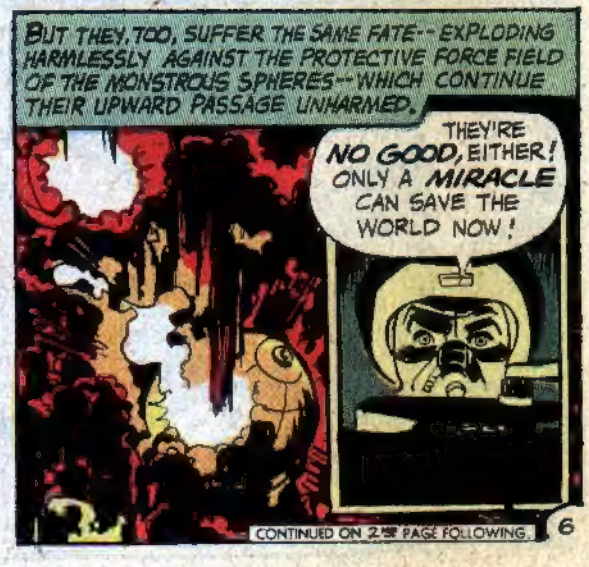
A SIGHTING AT LAST--AND ENGINES SCREAMING TRIUMPHANTLY, A TRIO OF JETS ROARS AFTER THEM.


BUT THEIR ROCKETS EXPLODE HARMLESSLY IN THE AIR BEFORE THEY CAN EVEN TOUCH THE GIGANTIC GLOBES...
--GLOBES PROTECTED BY SOME KIND OF FORCE FIELD!
WE'LL NEED HEAVIER STUFF-- MAP CO— ORDINATES ARE--


AND MOMENTS LATER, GIGANTIC ROCKETS ARE ROARING INTO THE AIR--EARTH IS FIGHTING BACK WITH ALL IT'S GOT.


BUT THEY, TOO, SUFFER THE SAME FATE--EXPLODING HARMLESSLY AGAINST THE PROTECTIVE FORCE FIELD OF THE MONSTROUS SPHERES--WHICH CONTINUE THEIR UPWARD PASSAGE UNHARMED.
THEY'RE NO GOOD, EITHER! ONLY A MIRACLE CAN SAVE THE WORLD NOW!
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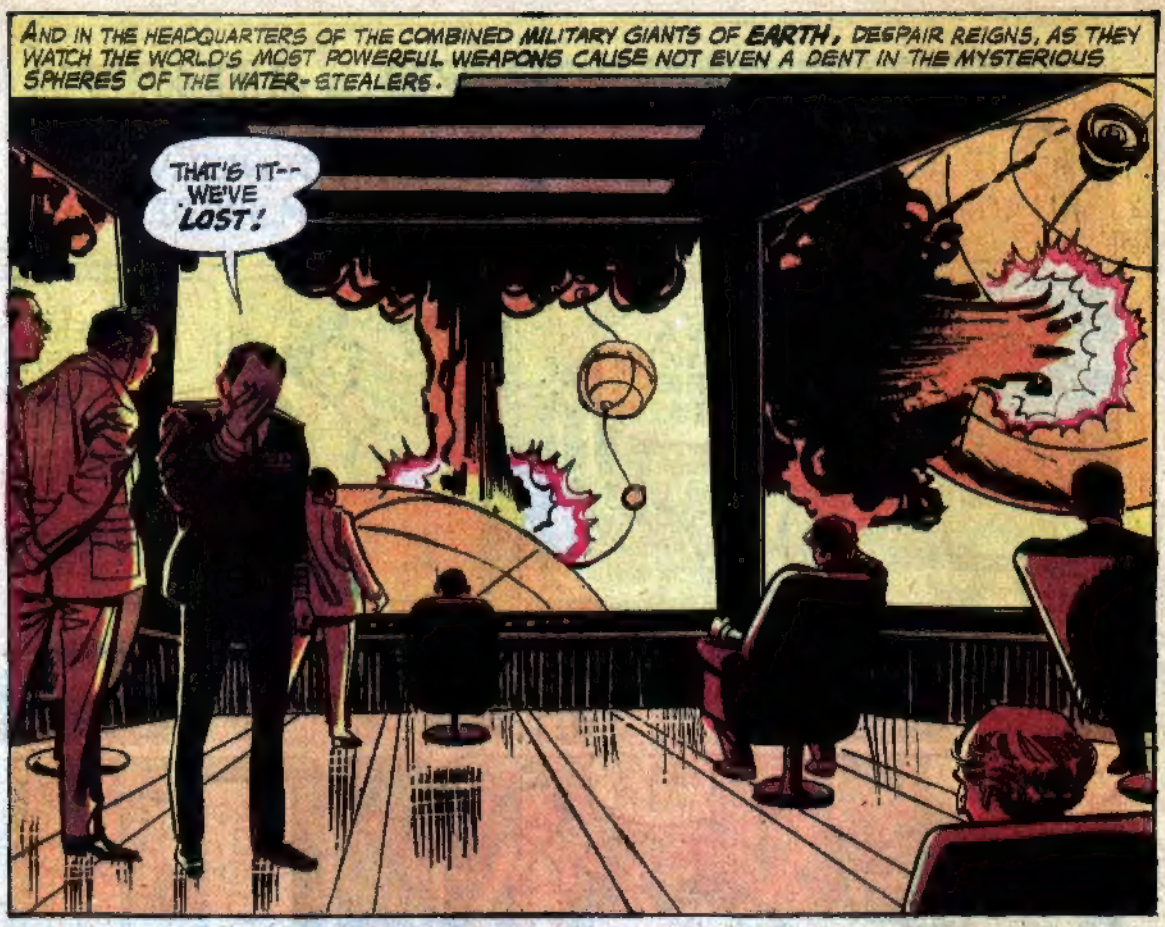
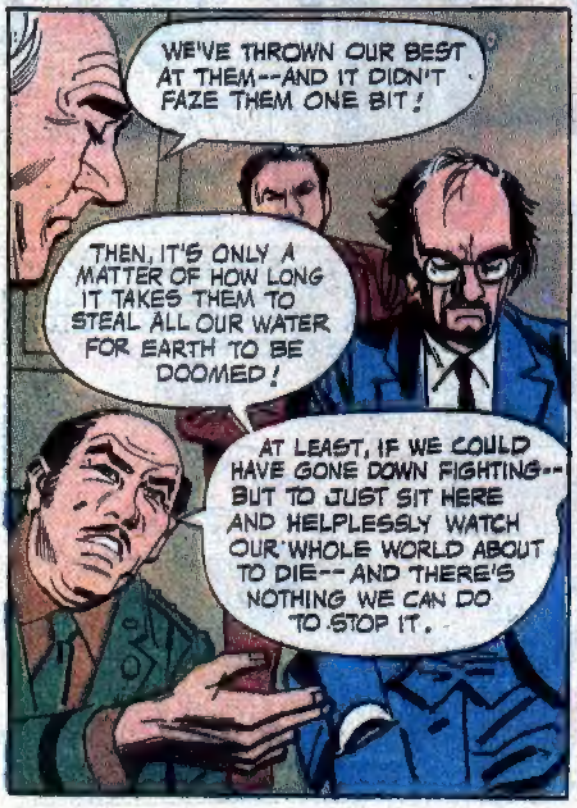
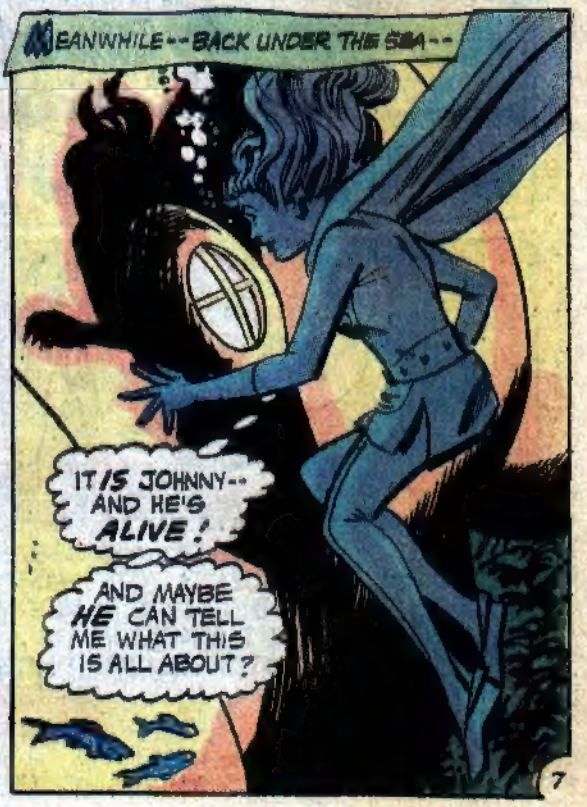

AND IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMBINED MILITARY GIANTS OF EARTH, DESPAIR REIGNS, AS THEY WATCH THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WEAPONS CAUSE NOT EVEN A DENT IN THE MYSTERIOUS SPHERES OF THE WATER-STEALERS.
THAT'S IT--WE'VE LOST!

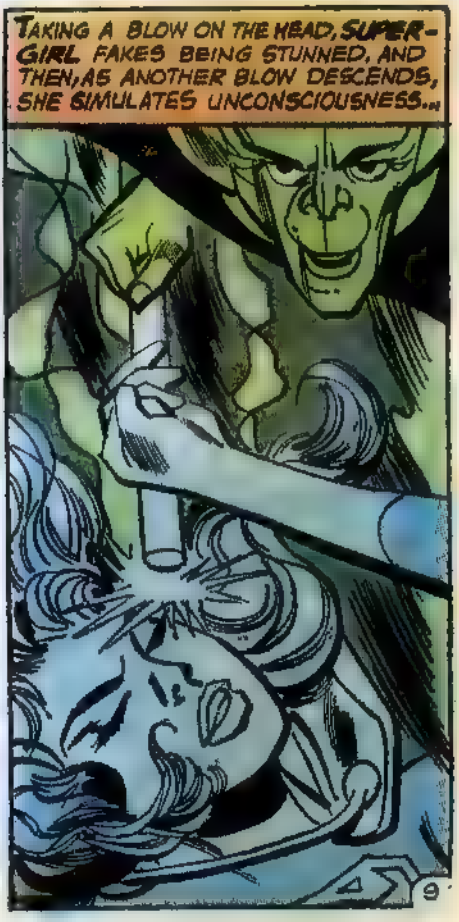

WE'VE THROWN OUR BEST AT THEM--AND IT DIDN'T FAZE THEM ONE BIT!
THEN, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF HOW LONG IT TAKES THEM TO STEAL ALL OUR WATER FOR EARTH TO BE DOOMED!
AT LEAST, IF WE COULD HAVE GONE DOWN FIGHTING--BUT TO JUST SIT HERE AND HELPLESSLY WATCH OUR WHOLE WORLD ABOUT TO DIE--AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO TO STOP IT.


MEANWHILE--BACK UNDER THE SEA--
IT IS JOHNNY--AND HE'S ALIVE!
AND MAYBE HE CAN TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?

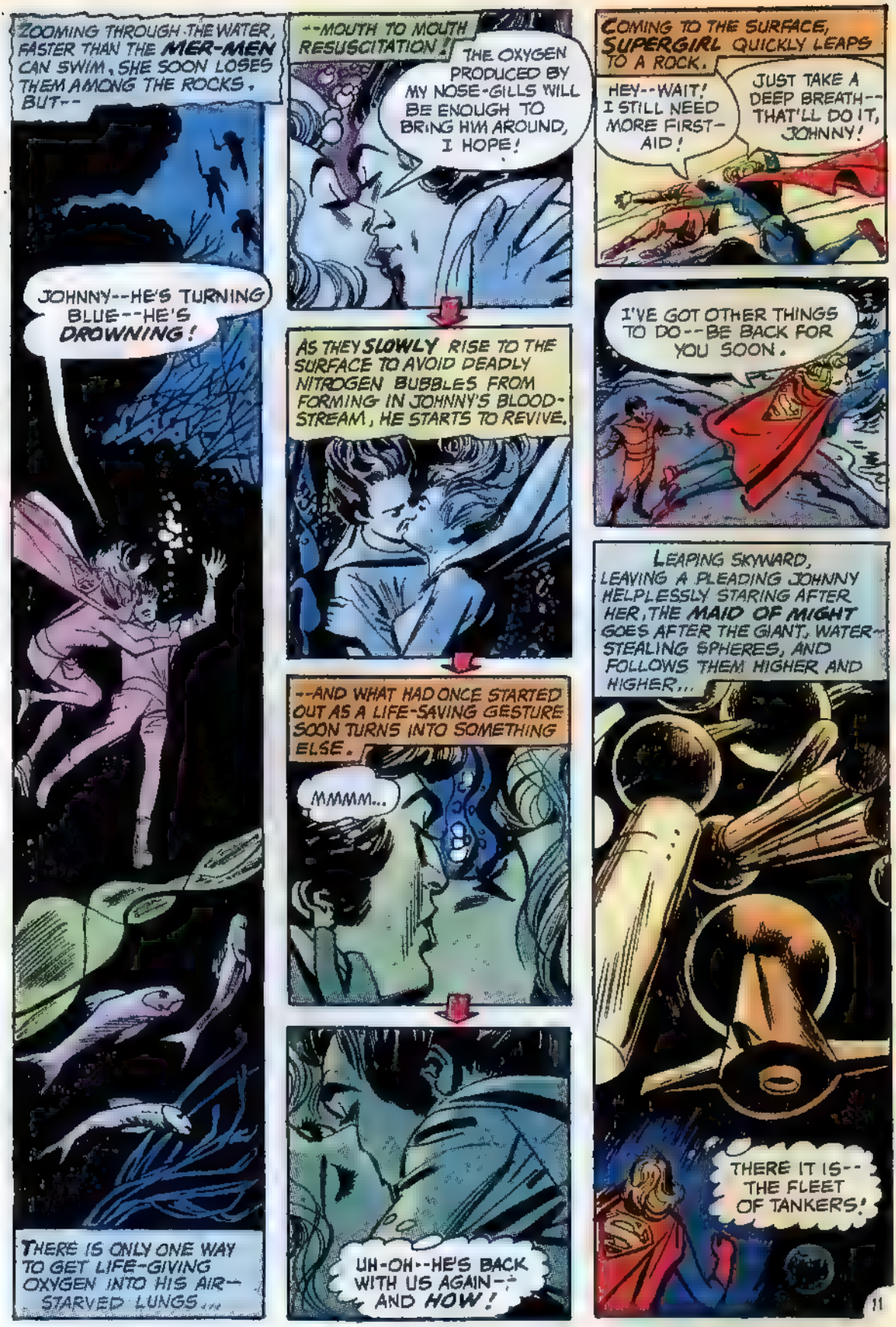
TAKING A STONE FROM THE SEA FLOOR, SUPERGIRL BEGINS TO TAP LIGHTLY ON THE OUTER HULL OF JOHNNY'S CELL.
GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT.
HOPE JOHNNY UNDERSTANDS MORSE CODE.
TAPPING OUT A MESSAGE TELLING JOHNNY WHO SHE IS, AND ASKING HIM TO TELL HER WHAT HE KNOWS--ASKING HIM TO SPEAK NORMALLY AS HER SUPER-HEARING WILL PICK UP HIS WORDS EASILY.
GOOD! HE DOES READ ME!
JOHNNY'S TALE UNFOLDS AS HE TELLS SUPERGIRL ALL HE'S FOUND OUT, AND--
--AS FAR AS I'VE BEEN ABLE TO FIND OUT--THESE FISHIES HAVE COME FROM A FARAWAY GALAXY--
--AS JOHNNY TALKS, SUPERGIRL'S EXPRESSION CHANGES TO THAT OF HORROR AT WHAT SHE HEARS.
--THEIR PLANET IS DYING BECAUSE IT'S DRYING UP--AND THEY'VE BROUGHT A GIANT FLEET OF SPACE TANKERS INTO WHICH THEY ARE GOING TO LOAD ALL OF EARTH'S WATER!
NATURALLY, THIS WILL MEAN THE DEATH OF OUR PLANET. BUT THEY THINK WE ARE SO LOW IN OUR DEVELOPMENT--WE ARE NOTHING MORE--
--THAN INSECTS TO THEM--AND SO REALLY AREN'T FIT TO LIVE, ANYWAY!
THOSE GIANT SPHERES ARE TAKING ON WATER AND FLOATING THEM UP TO THE TANKERS WAITING HIGH IN THE ATMOSPHERE.
CONCENTRATING INTENTLY--SUPERGIRL DOES NOT NOTICE THAT COMING UP BEHIND HER IS--
--MER-MEN SECURITY PATROL.
WHO UPON SEEING HER--ATTACK!
BUT--

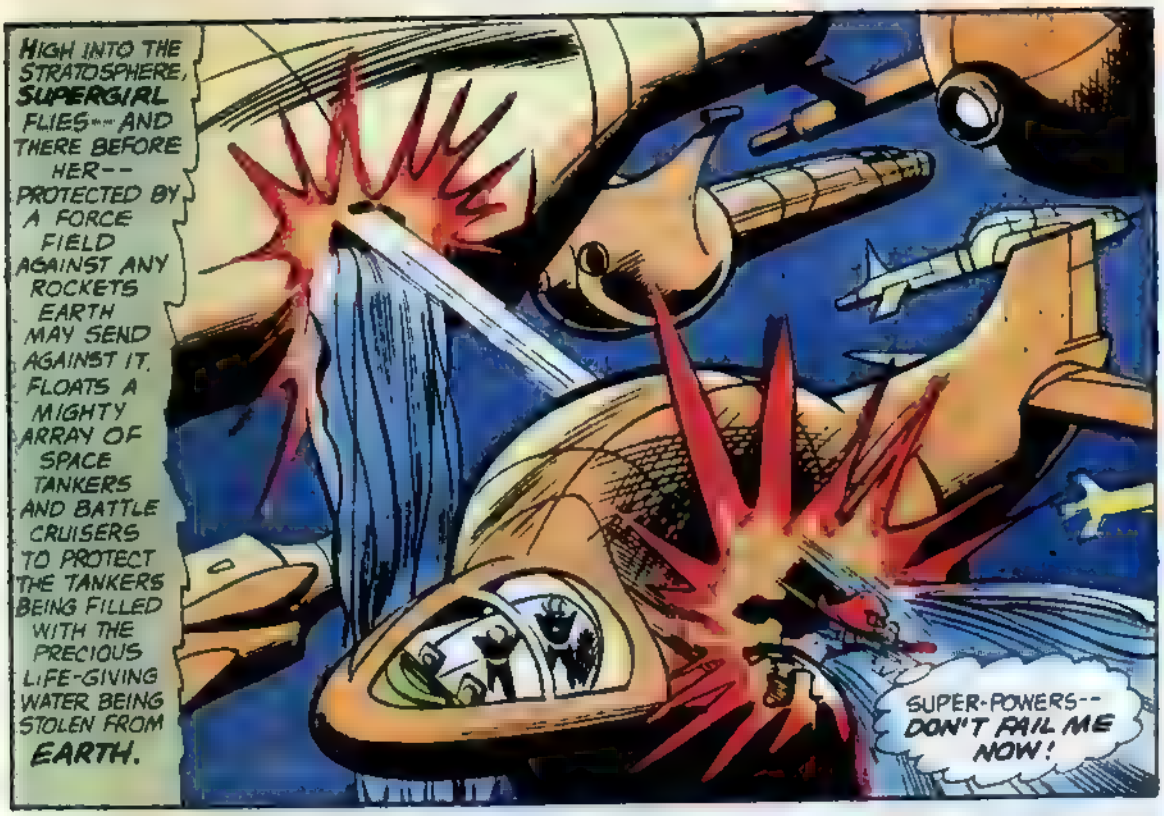
--IT DOESN'T TAKE THEM LONG TO FIND OUT THEY'VE BITTEN OFF SOMETHING MORE THAN THEY CAN CHEW, AS THE MAID OF STEEL LASHES, THRASHES, AND SLAMS THE MER-MEN ABOUT, FAIRLY MAKING THE WATER BOIL IN THE FRENZY OF HER DEFENSE SHE PUTS UP--

BUT THEN AN IDEA COMES TO HER--
IF I LET THEM TAKE ME--
I'LL BE ABLE TO GET INSIDE--AND SOME-HOW GET JOHNNY OUT AND UP TO THE SURFACE FIRST--
--THEN I'LL COME BACK AND BUST THEIR BALLOONS!
--AND WHAT WAS, JUST A MOMENT AGO, A WHIRLWIND OF FURY, SUDDENLY BECOMES ALMOST HELPLESS AGAINST THE PATROL.


TAKING A BLOW ON THE HEAD, SUPER-GIRL FAKES BEING STUNNED, AND THEN, AS ANOTHER BLOW DESCENDS, SHE SIMULATES UNCONSCIOUSNESS..

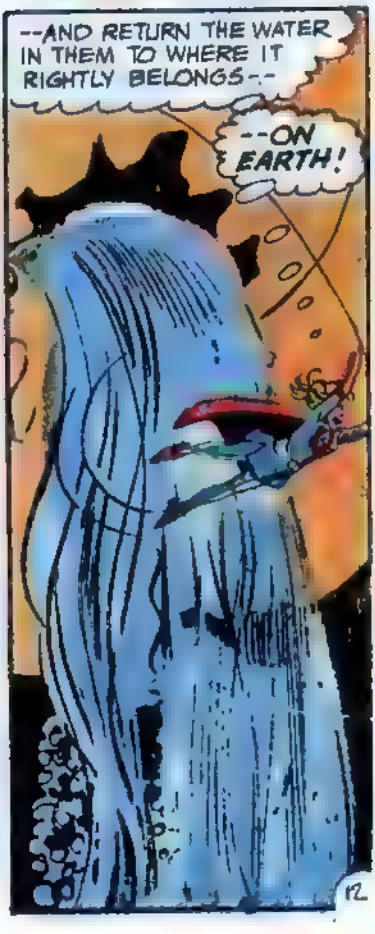
AS THEY HAUL THE SUPPOSEDLY UNCONSCIOUS SUPERGIRL TO AN AIRLOCK, THEY SPEAK AMONG THEMSELVES.
PUT ON WATER HELMETS.
BUT WHY? THIS EARTHLING SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO BREATHE UNDERWATER WITH EASE.
BUT THE OTHER EARTHLING CANNOT.
AND OUR GLORIOUS LEADER SHALL PROBABLY WANT TO QUESTION THEM BOTH-- SO THE ROOMS MUST BE EMPTY OF WATER.
NOTE HER CAREFULLY-- IF SHE CANNOT ALSO BREATHE AIR--SLAP A WATER HELMET ON HER.
AMAZING! SHE SHOWS NO REACTION! APPARENTLY SHE CAN BREATHE ON THE SURFACE AND UNDERWATER, TOO, WITHOUT ANY EFFORT.
WE'LL LOOK INTO THAT LATER-- FIRST WE MUST BRING HER TO OUR LEADER.
SOON, THE MAID OF STEEL FINDS HERSELF BEING HELD BEFORE THE LEADER OF THE MER-MEN.
BRING IN THE OTHER PRISONER--
I WOULD QUESTION THEM BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.
IT IS VERY ODD-- THIS ONE BEING ABLE TO LIVE UNDER WATER AND THE OTHER CANNOT.
AS JOHNNY IS BROUGHT IN, THE MAID OF STEEL TENSES HER MUSCLES.
PERHAPS THERE ARE TWO RACES ON THIS PLANET--
SUDDENLY, SHE LASHES OUT AT THE TWO MER-MEN HOLDING HER, AND LEAPS TOWARD JOHNNY--
--GRASPING HIM IN HER SUPER-GRIP--SHE SLAMS UP AND THROUGH THE CEILING BEFORE THE AMAZED MER-MEN CAN STOP HER.


ZOOMING THROUGH THE WATER, FASTER THAN THE MER-MEN CAN SWIM, SHE SOON LOSES THEM AMONG THE ROCKS. BUT--
JOHNNY--HE'S TURNING BLUE--HE'S DROWNING!
THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO GET LIFE-GIVING OXYGEN INTO HIS AIR-STARVED LUNGS...
--MOUTH TO MOUTH RESUSCITATION!
THE OXYGEN PRODUCED BY MY NOSE-GILLS WILL BE ENOUGH TO BRING HIM AROUND, I HOPE!
AS THEY SLOWLY RISE TO THE SURFACE TO AVOID DEADLY NITROGEN BUBBLES FROM FORMING IN JOHNNY'S BLOOD-STREAM, HE STARTS TO REVIVE.
--AND WHAT HAD ONCE STARTED OUT AS A LIFE-SAVING GESTURE SOON TURNS INTO SOMETHING ELSE.
MMMM...
UH-OH--HE'S BACK WITH US AGAIN--AND HOW!
COMING TO THE SURFACE, SUPERGIRL QUICKLY LEAPS TO A ROCK.
HEY--WAIT! I STILL NEED MORE FIRST-AID!
JUST TAKE A DEEP BREATH--THAT'LL DO IT, JOHNNY!
I'VE GOT OTHER THINGS TO DO--BE BACK FOR YOU SOON.
LEAPING SKYWARD, LEAVING A PLEADING JOHNNY HELPLESSLY STARING AFTER HER, THE MAID OF MIGHT GOES AFTER THE GIANT, WATER-STEALING SPHERES, AND FOLLOWS THEM HIGHER AND HIGHER...
THERE IT IS--THE FLEET OF TANKERS!

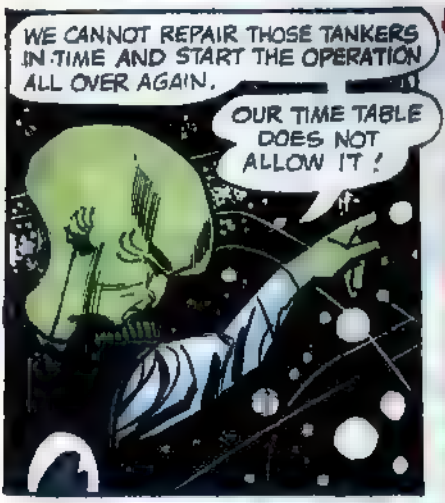

HIGH INTO THE STRATOSPHERE, SUPERGIRL FLIES--AND THERE BEFORE HER--PROTECTED BY A FORCE FIELD AGAINST ANY ROCKETS EARTH MAY SEND AGAINST IT, FLOATS A MIGHTY ARRAY OF SPACE TANKERS AND BATTLE CRUISERS TO PROTECT THE TANKERS BEING FILLED WITH THE PRECIOUS LIFE-GIVING WATER BEING STOLEN FROM EARTH.
SUPER-POWERS--DON'T FAIL ME NOW!

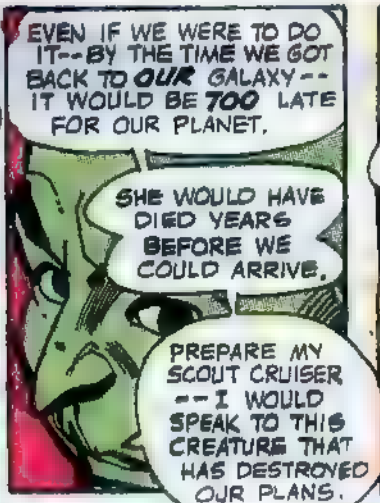
HURLING HERSELF AGAIN AND AGAIN THROUGH THE AIR, SUPERGIRL PLUNGES THROUGH A HAIL OF POWER BEAMS--HEAT BEAMS--AS THE BATTLE SHIPS OF THE MER-MEN TRY TO STOP HER.

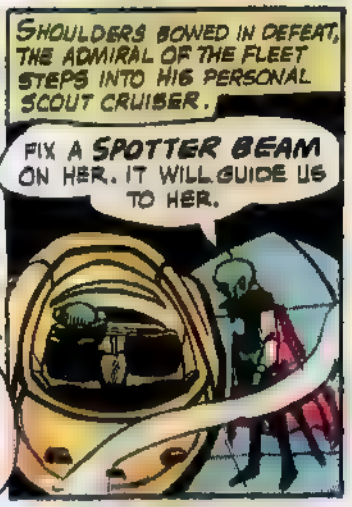
FOR EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW NOT WHAT SHE IS--THEY KNOW WHAT HER INTENTION IS--
AS LONG AS MY SUPER-POWERS HOLD OUT--I'M GOING TO HOLE EVERY ONE OF THESE TANKERS I CAN--

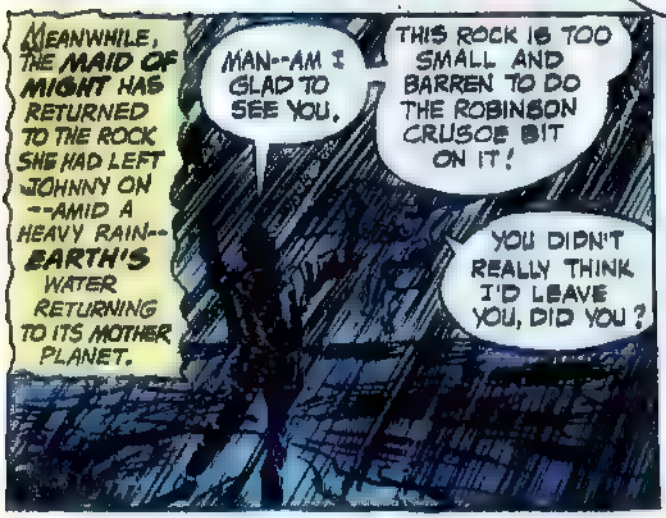

--AND RETURN THE WATER IN THEM TO WHERE IT RIGHTLY BELONGS--
--ON EARTH!

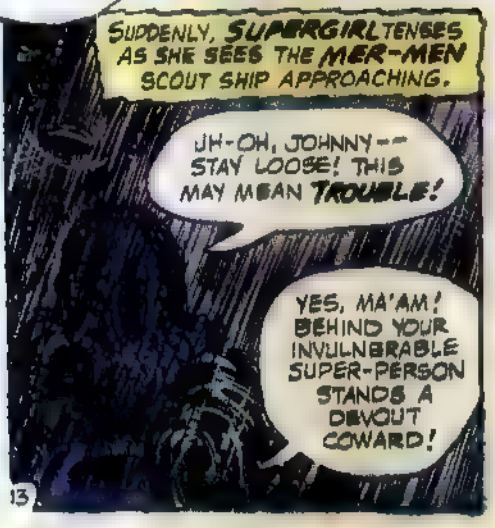
AND IN ONE OF THE BATTLE CRUISERS...
IT IS NO USE!
CEASE FIRING! NONE OF OUR DESTRUCT-BEAMS SEEM TO BE ABLE TO STOP HER!
OUR MISSION IS DOOMED.


WE CANNOT REPAIR THOSE TANKERS IN TIME AND START THE OPERATION ALL OVER AGAIN.
OUR TIME TABLE DOES NOT ALLOW IT!

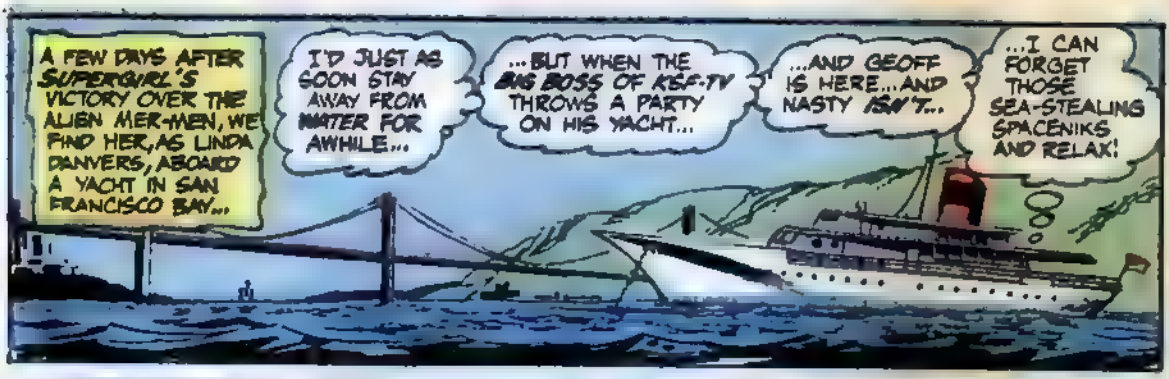

EVEN IF WE WERE TO DO IT--BY THE TIME WE GOT BACK TO OUR GALAXY--IT WOULD BE TOO LATE FOR OUR PLANET.
SHE WOULD HAVE DIED YEARS BEFORE WE COULD ARRIVE.
PREPARE MY SCOUT CRUISER--I WOULD SPEAK TO THIS CREATURE THAT HAS DESTROYED OUR PLANS.

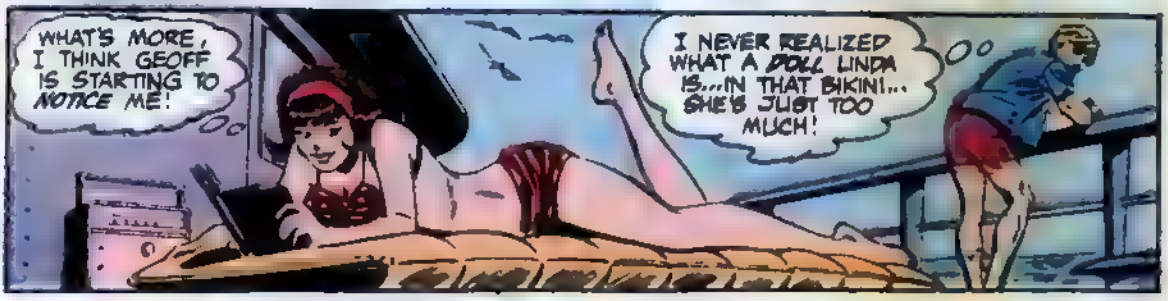

SHOULDERS BOWED IN DEFEAT, THE ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET STEPS INTO HIS PERSONAL SCOUT CRUISER.
FIX A SPOTTER BEAM ON HER. IT WILL GUIDE US TO HER.


MEANWHILE, THE MAID OF MIGHT HAS RETURNED TO THE ROCK SHE HAD LEFT JOHNNY ON--AMID A HEAVY RAIN--EARTH'S WATER RETURNING TO ITS MOTHER PLANET.
MAN--AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU.
THIS ROCK IS TOO SMALL AND BARREN TO DO THE ROBINSON CRUSOE BIT ON IT!
YOU DIDN'T REALLY THINK I'D LEAVE YOU, DID YOU?

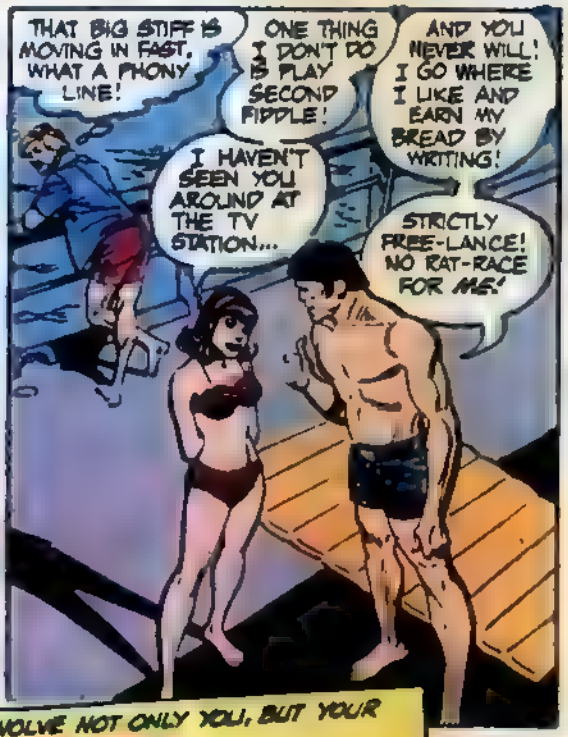

SUDDENLY, SUPERGIRL TENSES AS SHE SEES THE MER-MEN SCOUT SHIP APPROACHING.
UH-OH, JOHNNY--STAY LOOSE! THIS MAY MEAN TROUBLE!
YES, MA'AM! BEHIND YOUR INVULNERABLE SUPER-PERSON STANDS A DEVOUT COWARD!

HOLD, CREATURE OF MIGHT--THIS IS NOT A REVENGE MISSION!
YOU HAVE BEATEN US--
--AND MY HONOR DEMANDS I COME AND TELL YOU.
WE WILL BE LEAVING AS SOON AS I GET BACK TO MY SHIP.
YOUR PLANET'S WATER IS SAFE--THANKS TO YOU!
IT IS NOW TOO LATE TO SAVE OUR OWN PLANET WITH YOUR WATER.
THE DISTANCE TO OUR PLANET IS SO GREAT WE WOULD ARRIVE YEARS TOO LATE TO DO ANY GOOD.
THERE IS NO LONGER ANY PURPOSE IN DESTROYING YOUR PLANET TO SAVE OURS.
YOU CAN STAY HERE--OUR OCEANS ARE MORE THAN BIG ENOUGH!
NO--
AND THERE IS SO MUCH YOU CAN TEACH US!
WE ARE GOING HOME!
WE WISH TO DIE AMONG OUR OWN.
FAREWELL!
AS THE SCOUT CRUISER FADES TO A DOT IN THE SKY--
WHY, SUPERGIRL, YOU'RE CRYING!
I'M NOT! IT'S JUST THE RAIN!
COME ON--I'LL DROP YOU OFF ON THE MAINLAND!
NEXT MORNING, AT THE OFFICES OF K-SFTV...
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM?
I DON'T KNOW--
INSTEAD OF BEING ALL PUFFED UP ABOUT HIS EXCLUSIVE STORY ABOUT THE MER-MEN--
--ALL HE DOES IS KEEP TALKING ABOUT BEING THE ONLY GUY ON EARTH TO BE KISSED BY SUPERGIRL!
I'M JEALOUS, JOHNNY--AND HERE I THOUGHT ALL ALONG IT WAS ME YOU LIKED.
THE END


A FEW DAYS AFTER SUPERGIRL'S VICTORY OVER THE ALIEN MER-MEN, WE FIND HER, AS LINDA DANVERS, ABOARD A YACHT IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY...
I'D JUST AS SOON STAY AWAY FROM WATER FOR AWHILE...
...BUT WHEN THE BIG BOSS OF KSF-TV THROWS A PARTY ON HIS YACHT...
...AND GEOFF IS HERE...AND NASTY ISN'T...
...I CAN FORGET THOSE SEA-STEALING SPACENIKS AND RELAX!



SOMEONE ELSE HAS NOTICED LINDA, TOO...
HI, BABY! I'M FREDDY MERO...AND I THINK WE COULD MAKE A GREAT COMBO!
I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T PLAY ANY INSTRUMENTS!
THAT'S TOO BAD. I WAS HOPING WE COULD DO A LITTLE FIDDLING TOGETHER!


THAT BIG STIFF IS MOVING IN FAST. WHAT A PHONY LINE!
ONE THING I DON'T DO IS PLAY SECOND FIDDLE!
AND YOU NEVER WILL! I GO WHERE I LIKE AND EARN MY BREAD BY WRITING!
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND AT THE TV STATION...
STRICTLY FREE-LANCE! NO RAT-RACE FOR ME!

WATCH OUT, LINDA! THIS PARTY WILL SOON INVOLVE NOT ONLY YOU, BUT YOUR OTHER IDENTITY...

SUPERGIRL IN A "FIGHT WITH FIRE DRAKE"

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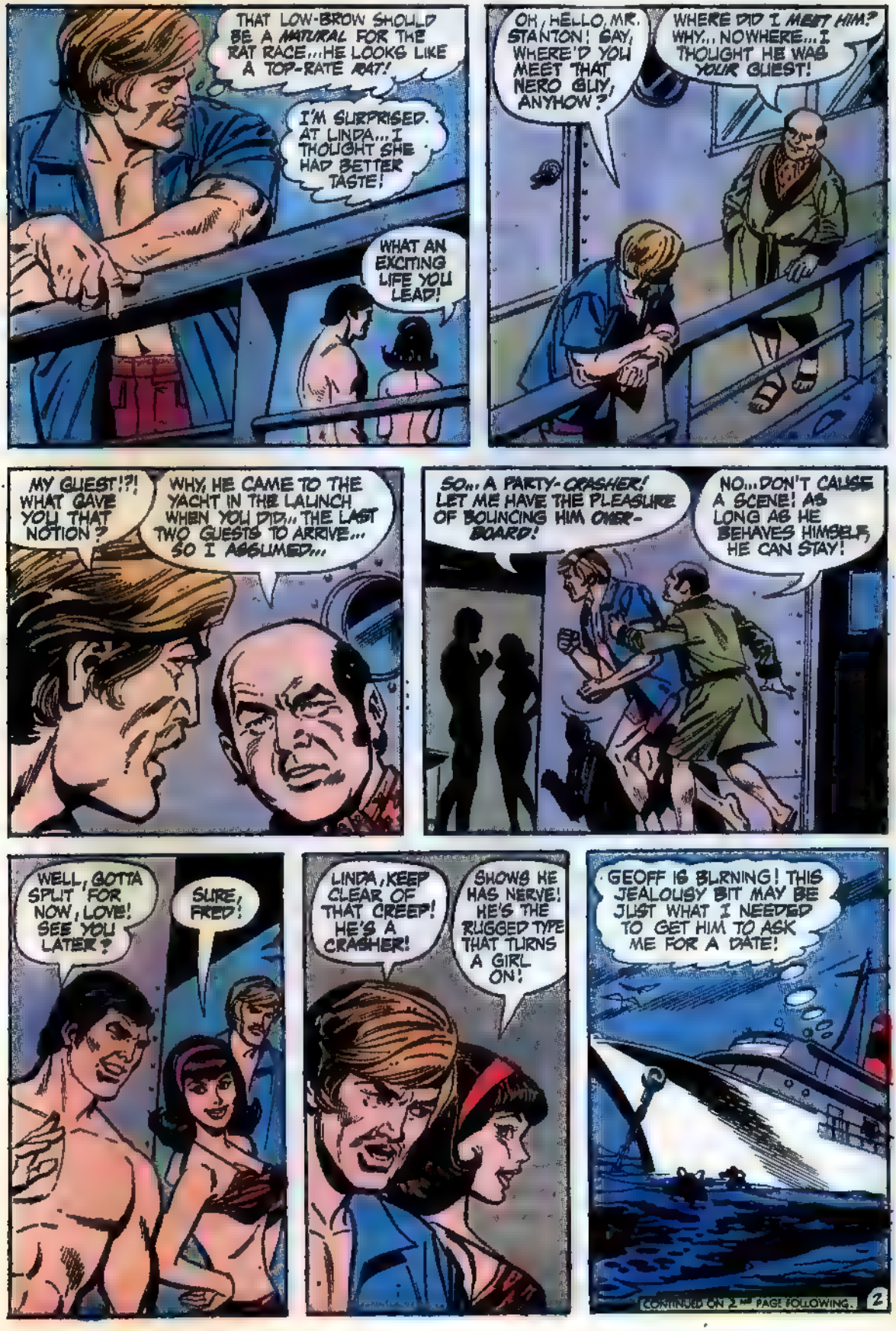
THAT LOW-BROW SHOULD BE A NATURAL FOR THE RAT RACE...HE LOOKS LIKE A TOP-RATE RAT!
I'M SURPRISED AT LINDA... I THOUGHT SHE HAD BETTER TASTE!
WHAT AN EXCITING LIFE YOU LEAD!
OH, HELLO, MR. STANTON! SAY, WHERE'D YOU MEET THAT NERO GUY, ANYHOW?
WHERE DID I MEET HIM? WHY... NOWHERE... I THOUGHT HE WAS YOUR GUEST!
MY GUEST!?! WHAT GAVE YOU THAT NOTION?
WHY, HE CAME TO THE YACHT IN THE LALINCH WHEN YOU DID... THE LAST TWO GUESTS TO ARRIVE... SO I ASSUMED...
SO... A PARTY-CRASHER! LET ME HAVE THE PLEASURE OF BOUNCING HIM OVER-BOARD!
NO... DON'T CAUSE A SCENE! AS LONG AS HE BEHAVES HIMSELF, HE CAN STAY!
WELL, GOTTA SPLIT FOR NOW, LOVE! SEE YOU LATER?
SURE, FRED!
LINDA, KEEP CLEAR OF THAT CREEP! HE'S A CRASHER!
SHOWS HE HAS NERVE! HE'S THE RUGGED TYPE THAT TURNS A GIRL ON!
GEOFF IS BURNING! THIS JEALOUSY BIT MAY BE JUST WHAT I NEEDED TO GET HIM TO ASK ME FOR A DATE!
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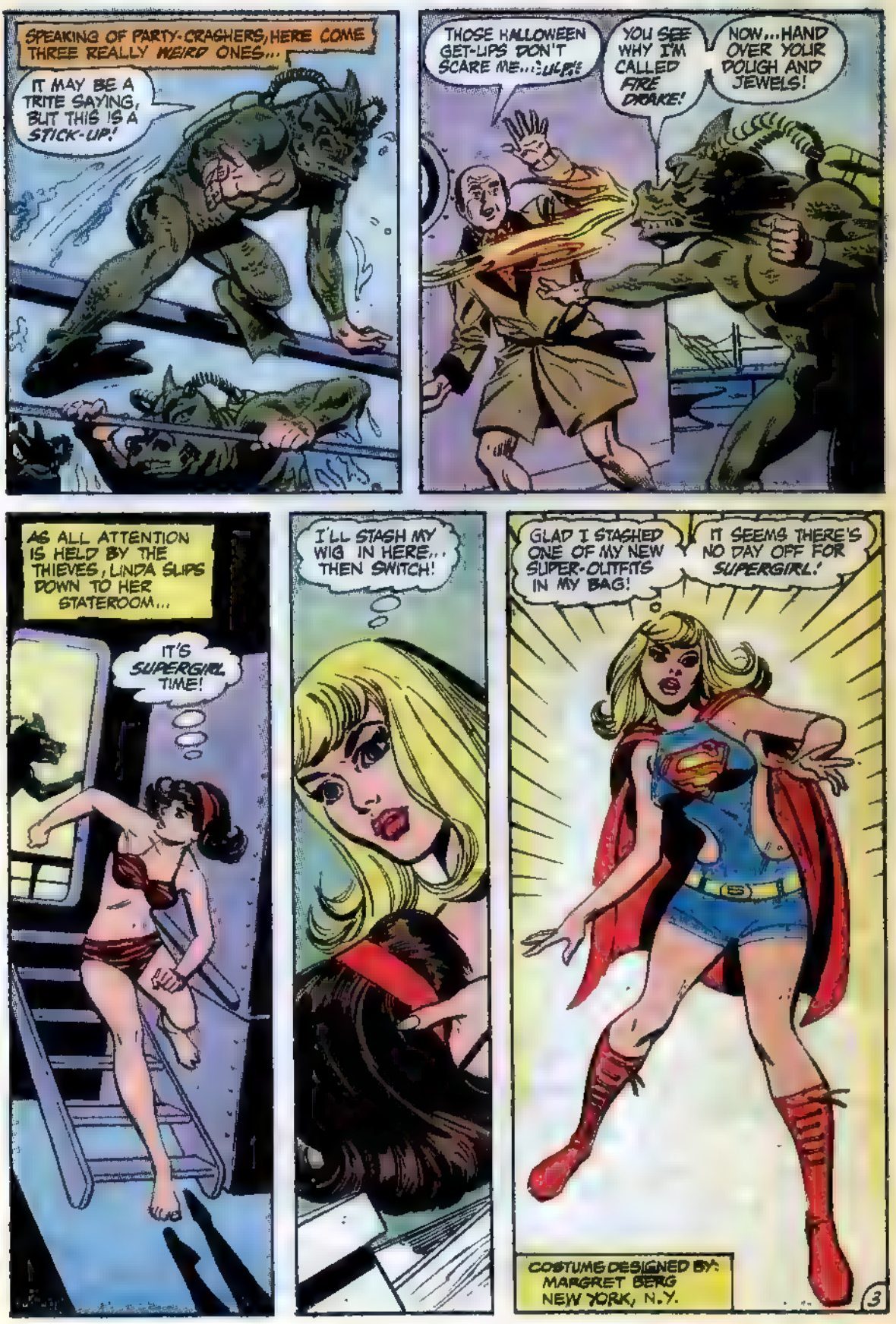
SPEAKING OF PARTY-CRASHERS, HERE COME THREE REALLY WEIRD ONES...
IT MAY BE A TRITE SAYING, BUT THIS IS A STICK-UP!
THOSE HALLOWEEN GET-UPS DON'T SCARE ME...GULP!
YOU SEE WHY I'M CALLED FIRE DRAKE!
NOW...HAND OVER YOUR DOUGH AND JEWELS!
AS ALL ATTENTION IS HELD BY THE THIEVES, LINDA SLIPS DOWN TO HER STATEROOM...
IT'S SUPERGIRL TIME!
I'LL STASH MY WIG IN HERE... THEN SWITCH!
GLAD I STASHED ONE OF MY NEW SUPER-OUTFITS IN MY BAG!
IT SEEMS THERE'S NO DAY OFF FOR SUPERGIRL!
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I'LL CIRCLE AROUND.. MUSTN'T LET ANYONE KNOW I WAS ALREADY ABOARD!
WHEN I SHOW UP, I'LL APPEAR TO BE COMING FROM A DISTANCE!
EXCUSE THE PUN, PAL... BUT I'LL BE DRAGON YOU OFF TO JAIL!
ONLY ONE BIRD FLIES LIKE THAT... SUPERGIRL!
I'VE HEARD YOU'RE NOT AS SUPER AS YOU USED TO BE! LET'S SEE IF IT'S TRUE!
BLAZE AWAY, BUDDY! YOU CAN'T EVEN SINGE MY EYE-LASHES!
THIS CALLS FOR A STRATEGIC RETREAT! COME ON, BOYS!
YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT!
NO! NOT NOW! MY POWERS..
THEY'VE LEFT ME AGAIN!
AND I COULDN'T WEAR MY EXO-SKELETA-CYBORG HERE... OR MY ROCKET POWERED BOOTS!
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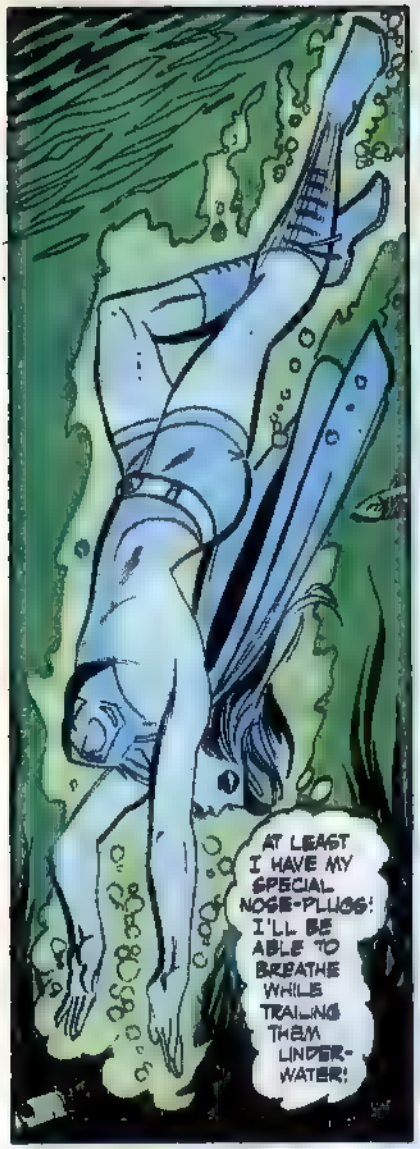
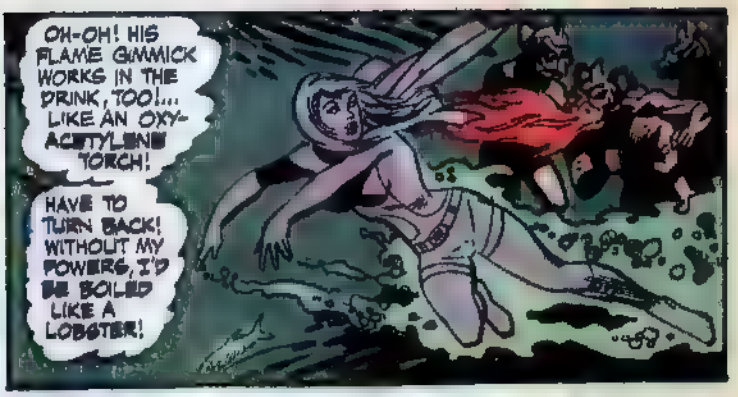
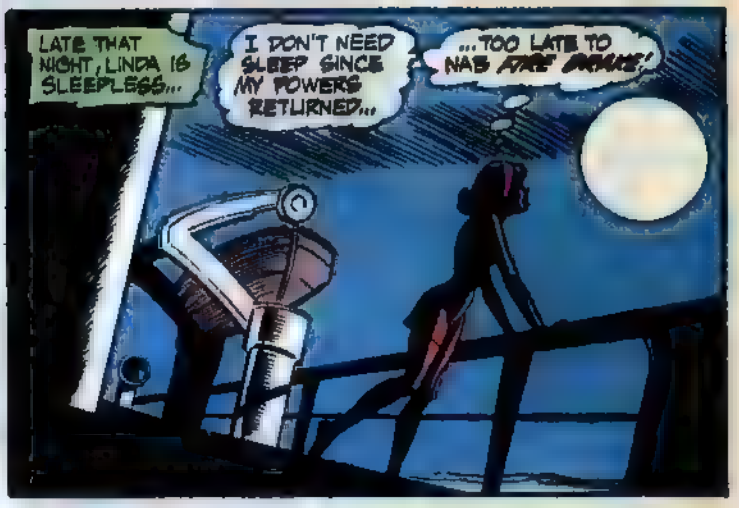

AT LEAST I HAVE MY SPECIAL NOSE-PLUGS! I'LL BE ABLE TO BREATHE WHILE TRAILING THEM UNDER-WATER!

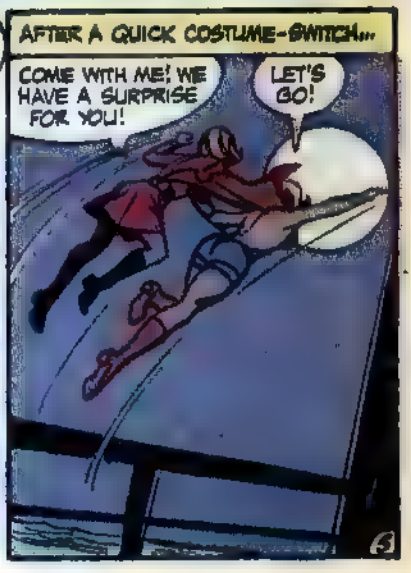

OH-OH! HIS FLAME GIMMICK WORKS IN THE DRINK, TOO!... LIKE AN OXY-ACETYLENE TORCH!
HAVE TO TURN BACK! WITHOUT MY POWERS, I'D BE BOILED LIKE A LOBSTER!

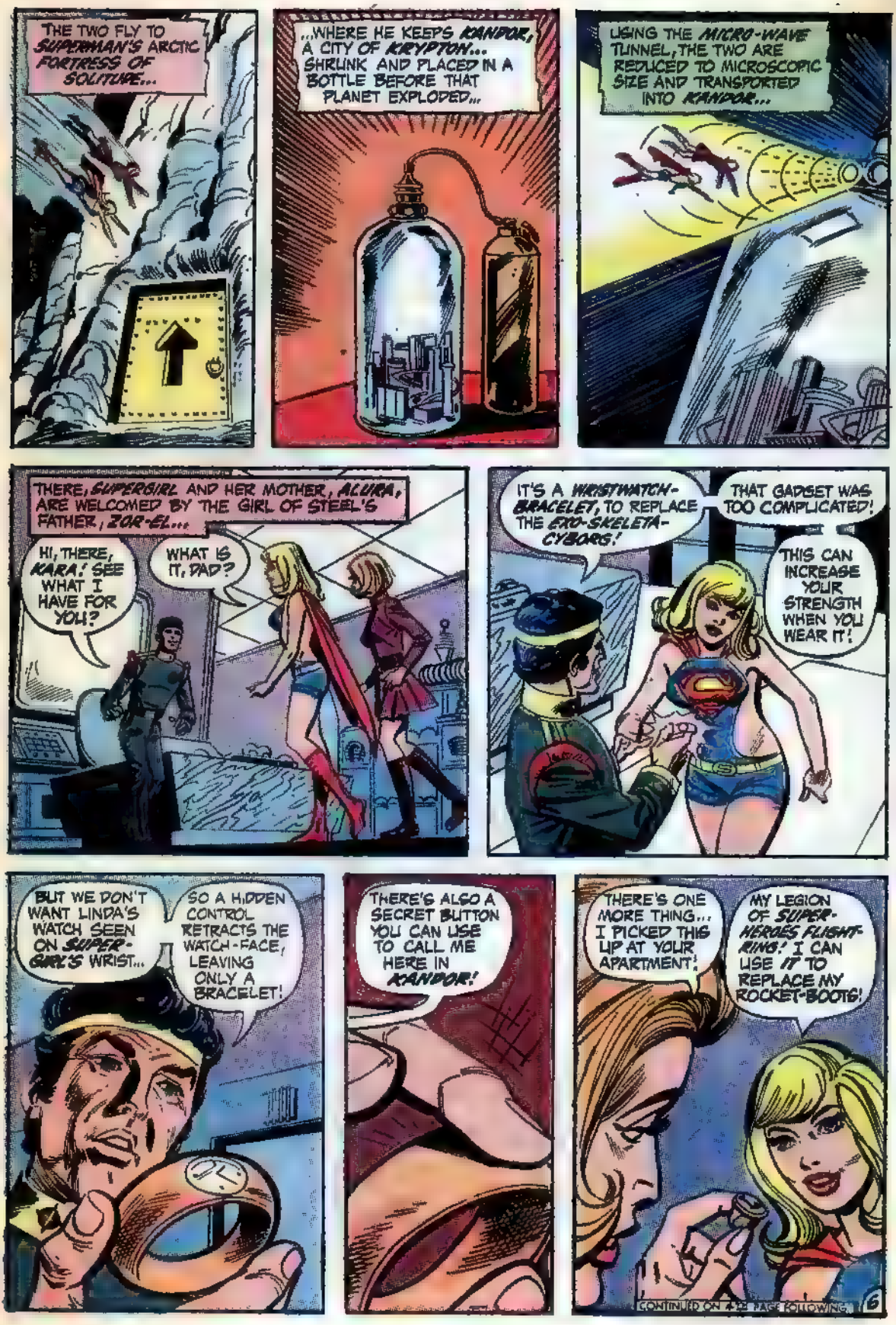
AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE SUPER-VISION NOW, TO FOLLOW THEM!


LATE THAT NIGHT, LINDA IS SLEEPLESS...
I DON'T NEED SLEEP SINCE MY POWERS RETURNED...
...TOO LATE TO NAB FIRE DEMONS!

WHAT CAN I POSSIBLY DO...?
KARA!
SOMEONE CALLING ME BY MY KRYPTONIAN NAME. THAT VOICE...

MOTHER!
YES, KARA! YOUR FATHER AND I WERE WATCHING YOU ON THE EARTH-MONITOR IN KANDOR!


AFTER A QUICK COSTUME-SWITCH...
COME WITH ME! WE HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU!
LET'S GO!


THE TWO FLY TO SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
...WHERE HE KEEPS KANDOR, A CITY OF KRYPTON... SHRUNK AND PLACED IN A BOTTLE BEFORE THAT PLANET EXPLODED...
USING THE MICRO-WAVE TUNNEL, THE TWO ARE REDUCED TO MICROSCOPIC SIZE AND TRANSPORTED INTO KANDOR...
THERE, SUPERGIRL AND HER MOTHER, ALURA, ARE WELCOMED BY THE GIRL OF STEEL'S FATHER, ZOR-EL...
HI, THERE, KARA! SEE WHAT I HAVE FOR YOU!?
WHAT IS IT, DAD?
IT'S A WRISTWATCH-BRACELET, TO REPLACE THE EXO-SKELETA-CYBORG!
THAT GADGET WAS TOO COMPLICATED!
THIS CAN INCREASE YOUR STRENGTH WHEN YOU WEAR IT!
BUT WE DON'T WANT LINDA'S WATCH SEEN ON SUPER-GIRL'S WRIST...
SO A HIDDEN CONTROL RETRACTS THE WATCH-FACE, LEAVING ONLY A BRACELET!
THERE'S ALSO A SECRET BUTTON YOU CAN USE TO CALL ME HERE IN KANDOR!
THERE'S ONE MORE THING... I PICKED THIS UP AT YOUR APARTMENT!
MY LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES FLIGHT-RING! I CAN USE IT TO REPLACE MY ROCKET-BOOTS!
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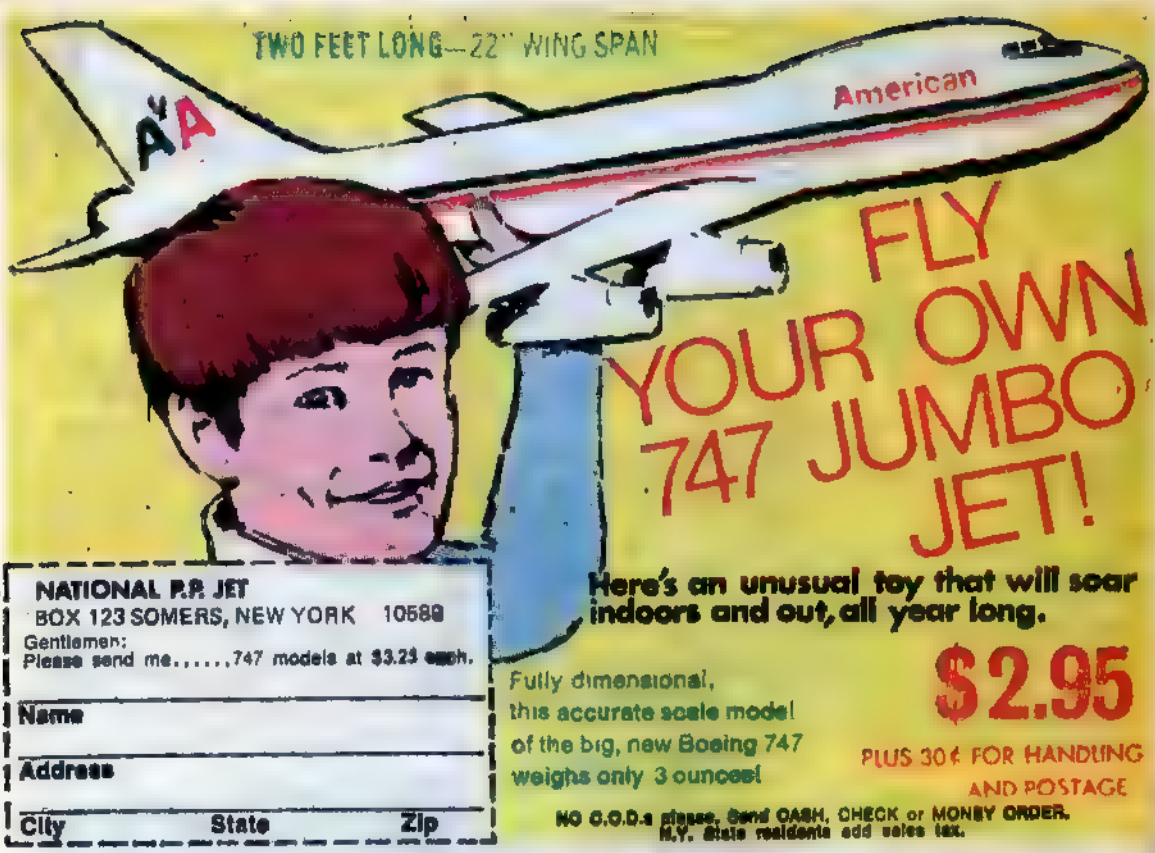
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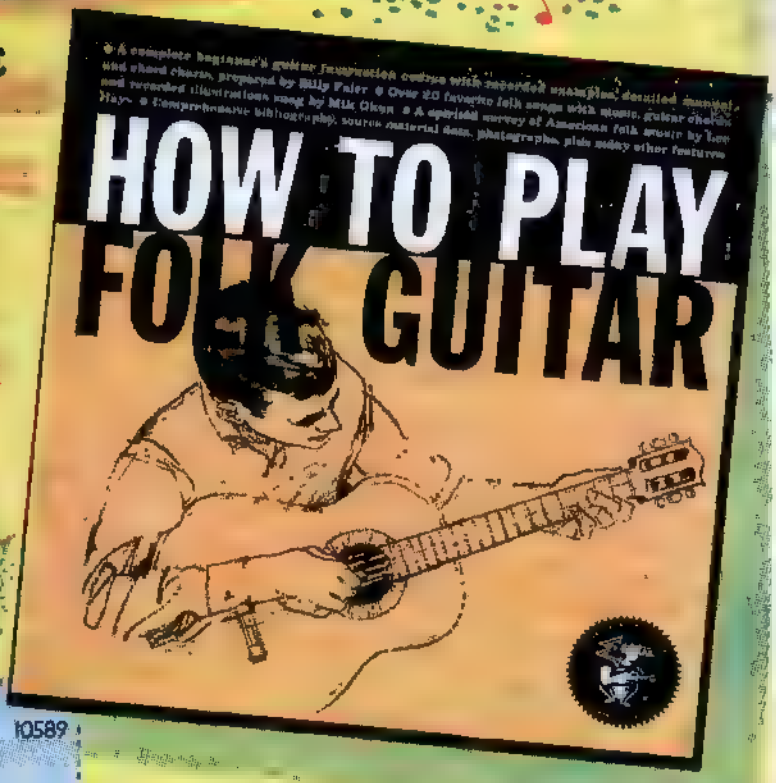

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WHERE'S NERO THIS MORNING? DOES THAT BUM SPEND HALF HIS LIFE IN DREAMLAND?
OH, I'M SURE HE'LL BE AROUND...HE WAS QUITE ATTENTIVE!
OH-OH! LOOK WHO'S PAYING A RETURN VISIT...
FIRST SNAKE, BACK FOR THE LOOT HE MISSED BEFORE!
AS GEOFF STRUGGLES WITH THE GROTESQUE INTRUDERS, LINDA ABRUPTLY TURNS AND HEADS FOR HER CABIN...
HATE TO LEAVE GEOFF FOR THE MOMENT, BUT IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO CHANGE!
WITHIN SECONDS, THE BLONDE BLOCKBUSTER IS IN ACTION...
SUPERSNAKE, STILL CRASHING IN ON OUR BUSINESS!
YOU'LL LEARN A NASTY BUSINESS IN PRISON!
SHE HAS MY BOYS... BUT I'LL ESCAPE AS I DID BEFORE!
SUPERSNAKE! GO DOWN AFTER HIM!
NO! HE WON'T STAY DOWN LONG!
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:GASP:
HELP! I CAN'T BREATHE!
I USED MY HEAT VISION TO PUNCTURE YOUR OXYGEN TANKS!
SOON YOU COULDN'T BREATHE... OR USE YOUR OXYGEN TORCHES!
:GASP!:... HOW DID YOU DO THAT, SUPER-GIRL?
NOW LET'S SEE WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE!
WHY... IT'S FRED NERO!
THE PARTY-CRASHER! THE RAT CAME ABOARD TO CASE THE YACHT!
AND THAT EVENING...
WELL, NERO WILL BE FIDDLING IN JAIL A LONG TIME! HE SURE FOOLED YOU!
CROOK OR NOT, HE SURE BROUGHT OUT THE GREEN IN YOUR EYES!
I CAN'T TELL GEOFF I SPOTTED FIRE DRAKE'S FACE WITH MY X-RAY-VISION WHEN I FIRST SAW HIM YESTERDAY!
BUT WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT?... WHEN I WAS ALL PREPARED, MY POWERS DIDN'T GIVE OUT!
STILL... I'M READY THE NEXT TIME THEY DO!
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Dear Editor:

"Starfire's Revenge" (*Adventure* #405) was one of your best. And the idea of having Rodney, Derek's twin brother, come into the scene to kill Supergirl for supposedly killing his brother was sensational.

The cover was beautifully done. The inside art was well done. In fact, it was superb. There was action in the story—even more than I anticipated.

I found one flaw in your almost perfect story, though. You show Supergirl hitching a ride on a plane when she lost her super-powers. But how could she breathe up there, where the air is so thin?

Another thing that I liked was that most of the tale happened in Paris instead of the United States.

The ending was magnificent. Excitement, action and suspense were spread out evenly in that little section. Having Starfire drown was a stroke of genius. Or did she die? For in the last panel we see a hand coming out of the water. Please do bring her back, for she would make a great enemy for Supergirl.

Jackie DiBella, Fort Lee, N.J.

(If you've been keeping up with the Girl of Steel's adventures, you know we lost no time in bringing back Starfire. As for the hitch on the plane, we can just say that it was cruising at a relatively low altitude.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In #405, when Supergirl and Rodney are thrown into a death-trap, a ferocious *gorilla* comes at them. Gorillas, in reality, are shy, timid and harmless creatures. Explain.

E. Switzer, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(As a rule gorillas are harmless. But there are exceptions to most rules, this one included. Some gorillas do become vicious. An example was Gargantua, long an attraction at the Ringling Brothers circus. Though treated as a pet for some years, he eventually became dangerous and had to be kept caged.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

As time goes on, your Supergirl scripts are getting better and better! I don't like to have unrelated stories run into each other (as you did with *Wonder Woman* for several months), but I love continued stories with a definite beginning and end. The long Supergirl story which ends with this issue's "Starfire's Revenge" was excellent, and well worth the 2 ⅔ issues alloted to it.

This issue utilized to the full the idea of Supergirl's part-time powers. She really had to use her head this time! Now that she's caught Professor Kangle (but why must all evil scientists be professors?), however, she'll need a new, more permanent weakness. And I expect something really original this time!

Your introduction of Rodney added a great deal to the story. He really seems to be interested in Supergirl, and that is all to the good. Super-heroines' boy friends are usually rather dull characters, but Rodney is an exception! With his exotic background, he'd make a perfect romantic interest. We *must* see more of him!

I'm flattered that you like my letters so much . . . this issue is the third in a row to print one! It seems that Tracey Thompson was a total (and, I'm afraid, deserved) failure, so you've gone back to giving Supergirl the whole magazine. Well, I suppose that's why she was moved from Action in the first place. But if you still want a back feature, why don't you bring back Manhunter, 2070? And if you can't do it, why not print this letter and tell me?

Richard H. Morrissey, Framingham, Mass.

(We've considered several back-up features for the mag, but for the time being we're giving Supergirl a full 22 pages. However, since we have more space in our new, 48-page format, we'll be bringing you some of the most requested Legion of Super-Heroes stories from the past as our new back-up feature. We won't give our gal a new weakness unless and until she gets rid of this one, though. And did you ever hear anyone call Nasty's uncle Professor Luthor?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

After reading the first half of the Supergirl-Starfire adventure last month, I was tempted to write to you and say that I didn't like the idea that someone could come up with a pill to take away super-powers. I didn't, however, because I was more upset with the way you had turned the Girl of Steel into a duplicate of her cousin, powers-wise.

This month, I was going to write and tell you that the pill was a bad idea and that it should not have worked. That was until you, or rather *I*, came up with the reason why it should. I'm glad to see that my idea about the freak Gold Kryptonite came in handy and arrived, like the cavalry, in the nick of time, to save you from a deluge of letters saying that the pill would not have worked. (Well, at least you won't get one from me!)

Bob Rozakis, Elmont, N.Y.

(If you hadn't written the letter about the Gold K, we'd have had to dream up some other excuse—but you provided one that fit perfectly. So thanks, Bob, for the alibi!—Ed.)

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TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

PART I

FROM OUT OF THE UNKNOWN COMES A MYSTERIOUS DOOM THAT STRIKES ONLY AT THE GIRL MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES! AND WHEN SUPERGIRL LEADS THE REMAINING LEGIONNAIRES IN A FIGHT TO PRESERVE THEIR LIVES, SHE FINDS HERSELF FACING THE MOST MYSTERIOUS AND MIGHTIEST FOE OF HER CAREER! HERE IS THE SAGA OF THE GIRL OF STEEL'S STRUGGLE TO SAVE—

The CONDEMNED Legionnaires!

SOMEHOW, SATAN GIRL IS KILLING THE GIRLS OF THE LEGION! I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE IS OR WHERE SHE GOT HER SUPER-POWERS, BUT WE'VE GOT TO STOP HER!

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DC REQUEST Classic

PLEASE...PLEASE, WE GIVE UP! HERE IT IS, A CLASSIC LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES TALE, FEATURING THE FEMALE SIDE OF THE STORY. SO ALL YOU WOMEN LIBS, STOP WRITING! OUR STAFF IS HAVING TROUBLE HANDLING ALL YOUR MAIL, SO HAVE PATIENCE IF YOU DON'T GET A PERSONAL REPLY RIGHT AWAY.

THE EDITOR

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

ONE FATEFUL DAY IN THE 30TH CENTURY, LIGHTNING LASS USES HER SUPER-POWER TO HELP OTHERS!

BY RADIATING LIGHTNING INTO THE HIGH TENSION WIRES, SHE'S PROVIDING POWERFUL ELECTRIC CURRENT UNTIL WE REPAIR THE GENERATOR THAT BROKE DOWN!

SHE'S LIKE ALL THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES ...READY TO HELP IN AN EMERGENCY!

NOTE - SINCE A LATER CHANGE OF POWERS, LIGHTNING LASS IS NOW LIGHT LASS.

BUT JUST AS SHE FINISHES HER TASK...

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HER ...SHE'S COLLAPSING!

I FEEL STRANGE, SICK... EVERYTHING'S GOING DARK...

A LITTLE LATER, ANOTHER GIRL MEMBER OF THE LEGION IS STRICKEN!

THIS DELEGATION OF ALIENS FROM A FAR WORLD CAN'T SPEAK ANY KNOWN LANGUAGE...BUT SATURN GIRL, WITH HER TELEPATHIC POWER OF THOUGHT-CASTING, CAN INTERPRET FOR US!

BUT LOOK... SATURN GIRL SUDDENLY SEEMS SICK!

AND OUTSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE OF THE SUPER-HEROES THE SAME MYSTERIOUS MALADY STRIKES!

WE NEED TO INSPECT OUR SPACE-SHIP'S ROCKET TUBES, AND THAT'LL BE EASY FOR YOU, SHRINKING VIOLET ...YOU CAN JUST MAKE YOURSELF TINY AND WALK INSIDE THE TUBES!

I...I CAN'T, SUN BOY! I'M DIZZY, WEAK... I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HIT ME...

SUPER-HEROES CLUBHOUSE

SOON, WHEN SUPERBOY ARRIVES TO SHARE AN URGENT MISSION WITH MON-EL, HE GETS TRAGIC TIDINGS!

MON-EL - YOU SAID TWO PLANETS FAR ACROSS THE UNIVERSE ARE ON A COLLISION COURSE! WITH OUR SUPER-POWERS, WE TWO CAN PREVENT THEIR COLLIDING!

YES, WE MUST START SOON ON THAT LIFE-OR-DEATH MISSION! BUT AN AWFUL THING HAS HAPPENED HERE, SUPERBOY!

EVERY GIRL IN OUR LEGION HAS BECOME THE VICTIM OF A STRANGE, CRIMSON VIRUS... AND WE CAN'T FIND A CURE!

THIS IS TERRIBLE NEWS!

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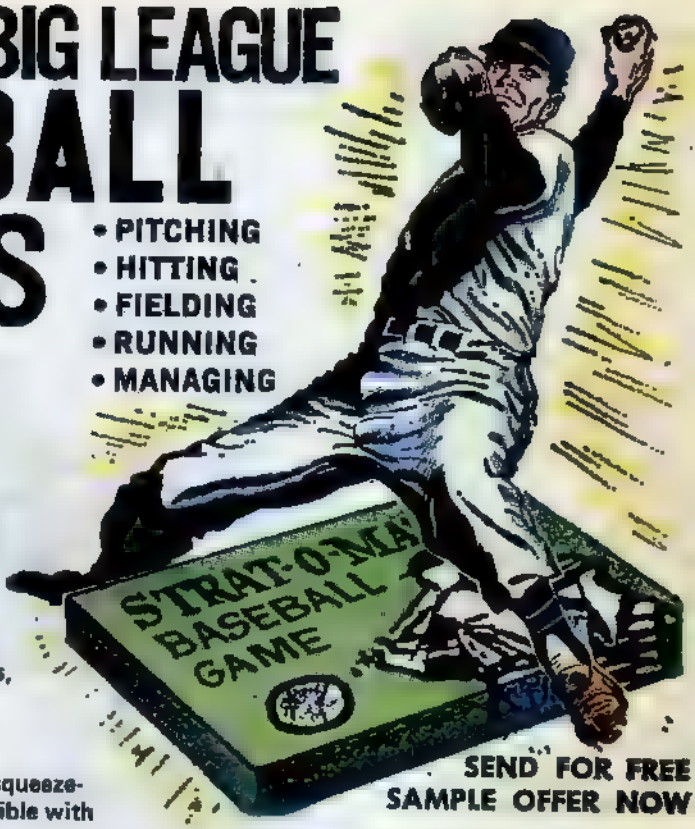

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MEANWHILE, THE NEWS HAS REACHED THE LEGION OF SUBSTITUTE HEROES!
THE SUPER-HEROES DON'T KNOW OF OUR LEGION'S EXISTENCE... BUT WE MUST TRY TO HELP THEM, NIGHT GIRL!
YES! I'LL OFFER TO HELP CARE FOR THE STRICKEN GIRL LEGIONNAIRES, WITHOUT TELLING THEM OF OUR ORGANIZATION!
THE LEGION LATER LEARNED ABOUT THE SUBS.
BUT WHEN NIGHT GIRL'S OFFER IS ACCEPTED...
I FEEL WEAK... STRANGE! THE CRIMSON VIRUS HAS ATTACKED ME!
OUR GIRL LEGIONNAIRES MUST BE ISOLATED, OR OTHERS WILL CATCH THE VIRUS! WE'LL HAVE TO SEND THEM TO QUARANTINE WORLD!
A SPECIAL SPACE BUBBLE IS QUICKLY PREPARED, AND THEN COMES A TRAGIC FAREWELL!
MUST WE GO INTO EXILE, SUPERBOY?
I'M SORRY, SATURN GIRL... BUT ALL THE FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE LEGION ARE DOOMED. YOU MUST GO TO QUARANTINE WORLD! THIS SPACE BUBBLE WILL TAKE YOU THERE AUTOMATICALLY! LET'S HOPE WE CAN FIND A CURE BEFORE YOU DIE!
AND AS THE STRICKEN GIRL LEGIONNAIRES TAKE OFF FOR QUARANTINE WORLD...
SUPERBOY, YOU AND MON-EL MUST CARRY OUT YOUR MISSION OF PREVENTING THOSE PLANETS FROM COLLIDING! MILLIONS WILL DIE, IF YOU DON'T!
YES, WE MUST GO... BUT AS SOON AS OUR MISSION IS FINISHED, WE'LL HURRY BACK TO HELP YOU FIGHT THIS CRIMSON VIRUS!
BUT MINUTES LATER, THE SUPER-HEROES HAVE AN ASTOUNDING VISITOR!
WE MUST SEARCH FOR A CURE FOR THAT TERRIBLE VIRUS, UNTIL... BUT WHO'S THAT GIRL? SHE FLIES WITHOUT A FLYING-BELT!*
I'M SATAN GIRL... AND I'VE COME TO TAKE THE PLACE OF YOUR GIRL LEGIONNAIRES! WITH MY SUPER-POWERS, I CAN DO MORE THINGS THAN ALL THOSE GIRLS TOGETHER!
*THIS HAPPENED BEFORE THE INVENTION OF FLIGHT-RINGS.
NO ONE CAN REPLACE OUR COMRADES! WHEN WE FIND A WAY TO CURE THEM, THEY'LL REJOIN THE LEGION!
FOOL, YOU'LL NEVER FIND A CURE FOR THEM! I KNOW... BECAUSE IT WAS I WHO UNLEASHED THIS DOOM OF THE CRIMSON VIRUS ON THEM!
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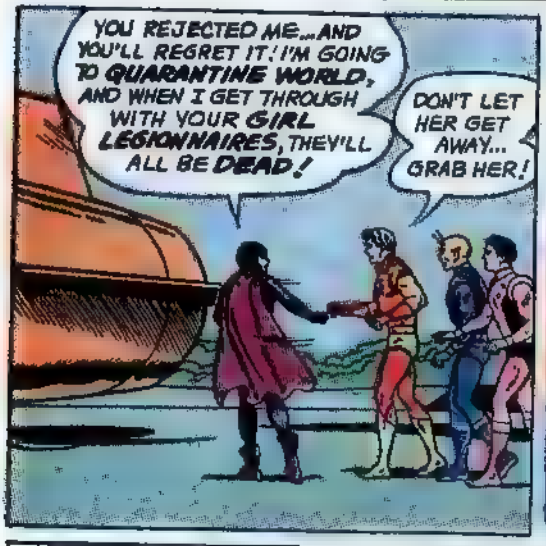
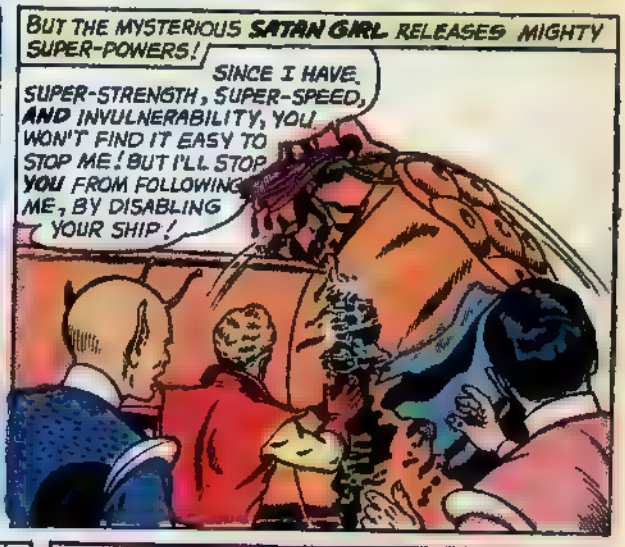
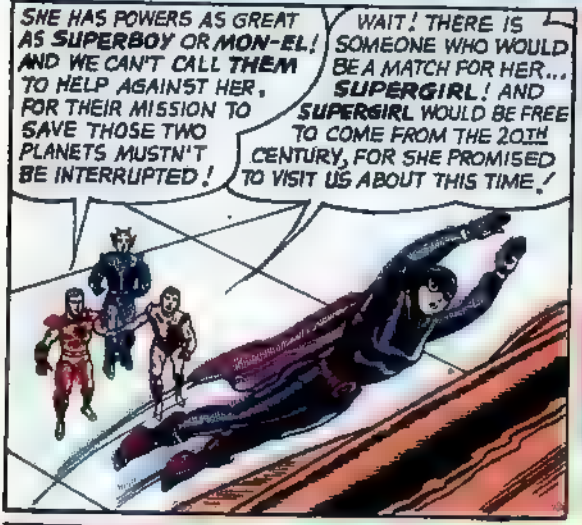
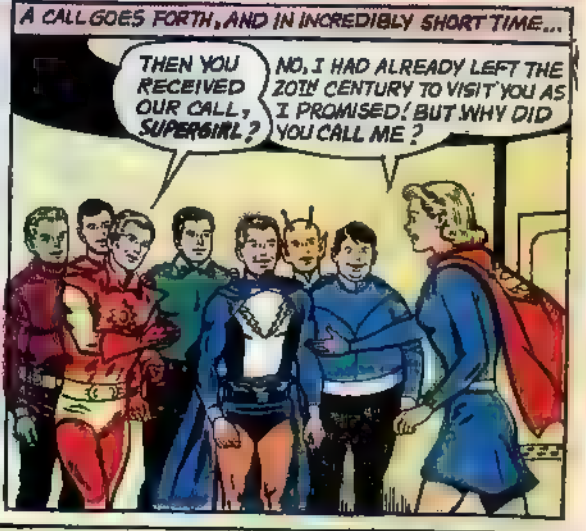
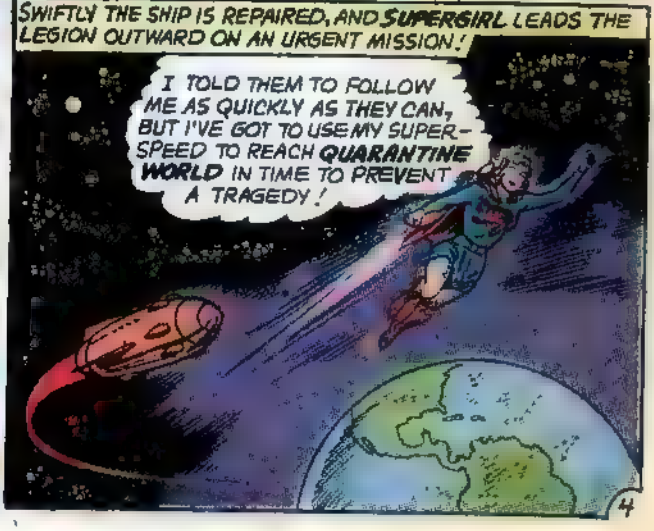

YOU REJECTED ME...AND YOU'LL REGRET IT! I'M GOING TO QUARANTINE WORLD, AND WHEN I GET THROUGH WITH YOUR GIRL LEGIONNAIRES, THEY'LL ALL BE DEAD!
DON'T LET HER GET AWAY... GRAB HER!


BUT THE MYSTERIOUS SATAN GIRL RELEASES MIGHTY SUPER-POWERS!
SINCE I HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH, SUPER-SPEED, AND INVULNERABILITY, YOU WON'T FIND IT EASY TO STOP ME! BUT I'LL STOP YOU FROM FOLLOWING ME, BY DISABLING YOUR SHIP!


SHE HAS POWERS AS GREAT AS SUPERBOY OR MON-EL! AND WE CAN'T CALL THEM TO HELP AGAINST HER, FOR THEIR MISSION TO SAVE THOSE TWO PLANETS MUSTN'T BE INTERRUPTED!
WAIT! THERE IS SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE A MATCH FOR HER... SUPERGIRL! AND SUPERGIRL WOULD BE FREE TO COME FROM THE 20TH CENTURY, FOR SHE PROMISED TO VISIT US ABOUT THIS TIME!


A CALL GOES FORTH, AND IN INCREDIBLY SHORT TIME...
THEN YOU RECEIVED OUR CALL, SUPERGIRL?
NO, I HAD ALREADY LEFT THE 20TH CENTURY TO VISIT YOU AS I PROMISED! BUT WHY DID YOU CALL ME?

WHEN SUPERGIRL HAS HEARD...
...SO, IN THIS EMERGENCY, WE'RE NAMING YOU HONORARY LEADER OF THE LEGION, TO HELP US DEAL WITH SATAN GIRL, WHO THREATENS OUR COMRADES!
WHERE COULD SHE HAVE ACQUIRED SUPER-POWERS LIKE THAT? SHE MUST BE STOPPED! BUT FIRST I'LL REPAIR YOUR SHIP SUPER-FAST!


SWIFTLY THE SHIP IS REPAIRED, AND SUPERGIRL LEADS THE LEGION OUTWARD ON AN URGENT MISSION!
I TOLD THEM TO FOLLOW ME AS QUICKLY AS THEY CAN, BUT I'VE GOT TO USE MY SUPER-SPEED TO REACH QUARANTINE WORLD IN TIME TO PREVENT A TRAGEDY!

ON QUARANTINE WORLD, THE ISOLATION-WARD OF THE UNIVERSE, WHERE THOSE WITH DANGEROUS ILLNESSES ARE SENT TO SPEND THEIR LAST DAYS, UNLESS THEY'RE CURED...
THE CURATIVE RAYS HAVEN'T YET HAD ANY EFFECT ON THE CRIMSON VIRUS THAT YOU'VE CONTRACTED, BUT WE'LL TRY AGAIN!
WE ROBOT-NURSES SERVE PATIENTS HERE BECAUSE WE CAN'T CATCH ANY VIRUS...AND WE KNOW OUR PROFESSION!
BUT, SUDDENLY...
MY ELECTRIC CIRCUITS ARE GOING OUT... I'M BEING DEACTIVATED SOMEHOW...
HA! MY HEAT VISION MELTED THEIR WIRING! AND NOW TO DEAL WITH YOU LEGION GIRLS!
I TURNED OFF THE CURATIVE RAY AND NOW I'LL GIVE YOU A DIFFERENT TREATMENT!
SOMEHOW SHE'S MAKING OUR VIRUS WORSE! WE'RE TOO WEAK TO USE OUR SUPER-POWERS TO RESIST...
BUT THERE IS AN INTERRUPTION TO THE MYSTERIOUS, DEADLY ATTACK!
SUPERGIRL! NOT EVEN YOU CAN STOP ME FROM DESTROYING ALL THE GIRL LEGIONNAIRES!
WHO ARE YOU?
HER MASK IS LEAD-LINED, SO I CAN'T USE MY X-RAY VISION TO SEE HER FACE!
AND WHY SHOULD YOU WANT TO KILL THE LEGIONNAIRE GIRLS?
YOU'LL NEVER KNOW, SUPERGIRL! FOR YOU ARE MY GREATEST ENEMY, AND I'LL DEAL WITH YOU BEFORE I FINISH THEM!
IT'S INCREDIBLE, BUT SHE HAS STRENGTH AND SPEED MATCHING MINE! SHE MUST BE A NATIVE OF THE PLANET KRYPTON, IN ORIGIN, JUST AS I AM!

TAKEN OFF-GUARD BY THE TERRIFIC BLOW, SUPERGIRL IS KNOCKED BACKWARD AT SUPER-SPEED!
ONLY MY INVULNERABILITY SAVED ME! SHE'S REALLY MIGHTY... BUT I'VE GOT TO STOP HER FROM GETTING NEAR THE GIRLS!
AS THE GIRL OF STEEL CHARGES BACK, A MASSIVE MISSILE IS HURLED!
SHE IS INVULNERABLE! A BIT OF THE ROCK I JUST SHATTERED HIT HER FACE AND DIDN'T EVEN LEAVE A MARK! HOW CAN I DEAL WITH HER?
THE TWO SUPER-ANTAGONISTS FLASH AND WHIRL IN AN AERIAL DUEL...
...UNTIL SUPERGIRL SEES HER CHANCE!
I'VE GOT HOLD OF HER! NOW, IF I CAN USE MY HEAT-VISION TO MELT AWAY HER LEAD-LINED MASK, IT'LL REVEAL WHO SHE IS! SINCE SHE'S INVULNERABLE, THE HEAT WON'T HURT HER!
IF SHE'S A KRYPTONIAN CRIMINAL WHO ESCAPED FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE, I'LL KNOW IN A MOMENT WHEN THE LEAD MELTS!
I SEE NOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO! YOU'RE CLEVER, SUPERGIRL, BUT I'M JUST AS CLEVER AS YOU...
...AND JUST AS STRONG! I'LL BE BACK LATER AND I'LL BRING DOOM FOR YOU AND YOUR PRECIOUS LEGIONNAIRES!
SHE BROKE MY HOLD BY SHEER STRENGTH! I MUSTN'T LET HER GET AWAY...
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BUT AS **SATAN GIRL** SPEEDS AWAY, **SUPERGIRL** DELAYS PURSUIT FOR A FEW MOMENTS...

THE LIVES OF THE GIRL LEGIONNAIRES DEPEND ON STOPPING HER, AND THERE'S ONE SURE WAY OF STOPPING ANYONE OF KRYPTONIAN ORIGIN, SUCH AS SHE MUST BE!

IN THE GREAT MAIN HOSPITAL OF **QUARANTINE WORLD**...

YES, WE HAVE SAMPLES OF **GREEN KRYPTONITE** DUST...ITS RADIATION HELPS CURE CERTAIN SPACE-ILLS IN ORDINARY PEOPLE! BUT IT WOULD PARALYZE **YOU, SUPERGIRL!**

NOT IF YOU GIVE IT TO ME IN A SMALL BOX MADE OF LEAD! LEAD IS THE ONLY SUBSTANCE IMPERVIOUS TO KRYPTONITE RAYS!

ARMED WITH A POWDER HARMFUL TO ANYONE FROM **KRYPTON, SUPERGIRL** TAKES UP A GRIM PURSUIT!

I KEPT WATCHING THE WAY **SATAN GIRL** WENT WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION...AND I SAW HER LAND ON A LONELY ASTEROID!

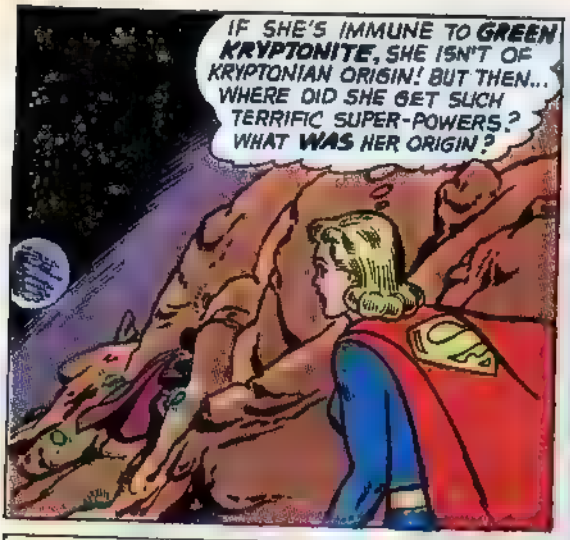
ON THAT ASTEROID, **SUPERGIRL'S** MYSTERY FOE AWAITS HER PURSUER!

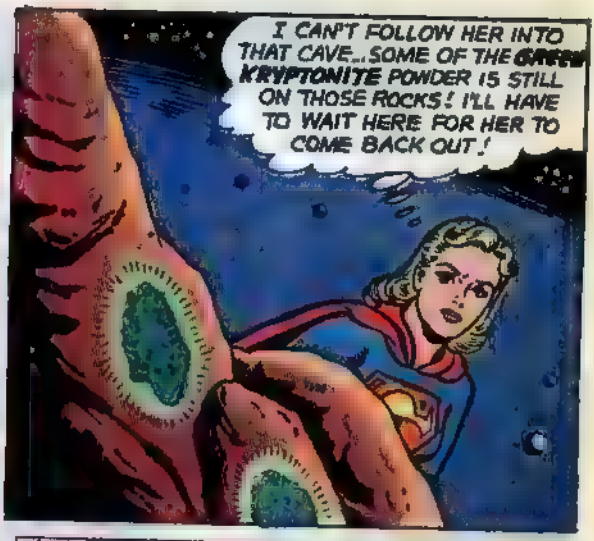
I HAVE SUPER-VISION, TOO, AND I COULD SEE HER COMING FROM **QUARANTINE WORLD!** AND IT'S EASY TO GUESS WHAT'S IN THAT LEAD BOX SHE'S CARRYING!

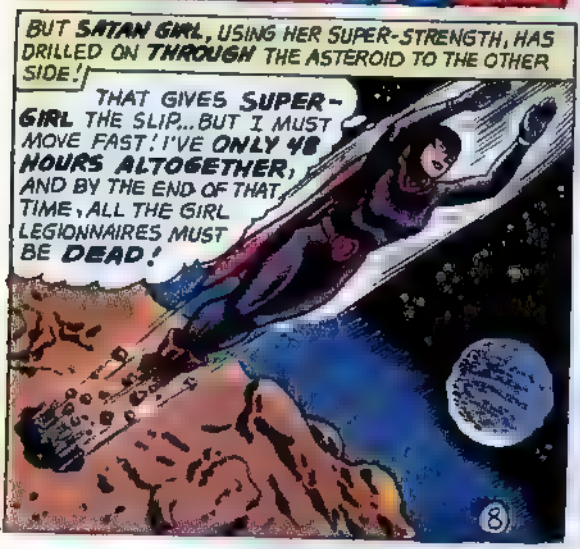
THE BOX SHATTERED WHEN I THREW IT, AS I PLANNED... AND THE **GREEN KRYPTONITE** POWDER HAS HIT HER! IT WON'T KILL HER, BUT WILL WEAKEN HER SO I CAN CAPTURE HER AND FIND OUT WHY AND HOW SHE'S KILLING THE LEGION GIRLS!

BUT, TO **SUPERGIRL'S** ASTONISHMENT, THROUGH THE THIN AIR OF THE ASTEROID COMES A MOCKING LAUGH!

KRYPTONITE MAY AFFECT YOU, **SUPERGIRL**, BUT YOU CAN SEE THAT **I'M** IMMUNE TO IT! YOU CAN'T OVERPOWER ME, BUT I CAN DESTROY YOU... AND I WILL!


IF SHE'S IMMUNE TO GREEN KRYPTONITE, SHE ISN'T OF KRYPTONIAN ORIGIN! BUT THEN... WHERE DID SHE GET SUCH TERRIFIC SUPER-POWERS? WHAT WAS HER ORIGIN?


I CAN'T FOLLOW HER INTO THAT CAVE...SOME OF THE GREEN KRYPTONITE POWDER IS STILL ON THOSE ROCKS! I'LL HAVE TO WAIT HERE FOR HER TO COME BACK OUT!


BUT SATAN GIRL, USING HER SUPER-STRENGTH, HAS DRILLED ON THROUGH THE ASTEROID TO THE OTHER SIDE!
THAT GIVES SUPER-GIRL THE SLIP...BUT I MUST MOVE FAST! I'VE ONLY 48 HOURS ALTOGETHER, AND BY THE END OF THAT TIME, ALL THE GIRL LEGIONNAIRES MUST BE DEAD!
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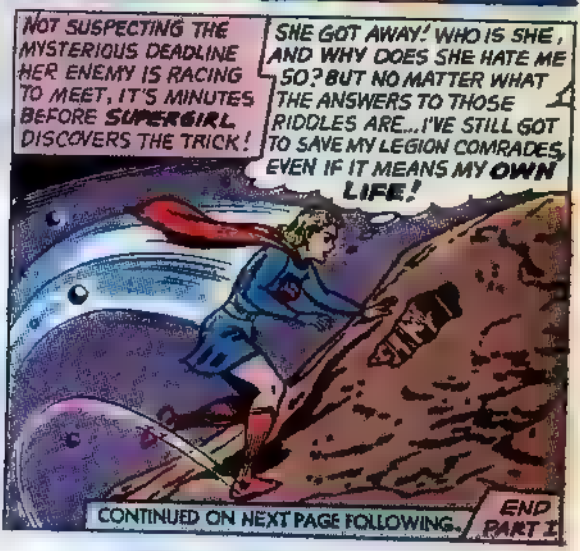
NOT SUSPECTING THE MYSTERIOUS DEADLINE HER ENEMY IS RACING TO MEET, IT'S MINUTES BEFORE SUPERGIRL DISCOVERS THE TRICK!
SHE GOT AWAY! WHO IS SHE, AND WHY DOES SHE HATE ME SO? BUT NO MATTER WHAT THE ANSWERS TO THOSE RIDDLES ARE...I'VE STILL GOT TO SAVE MY LEGION COMRADES, EVEN IF IT MEANS MY OWN LIFE!
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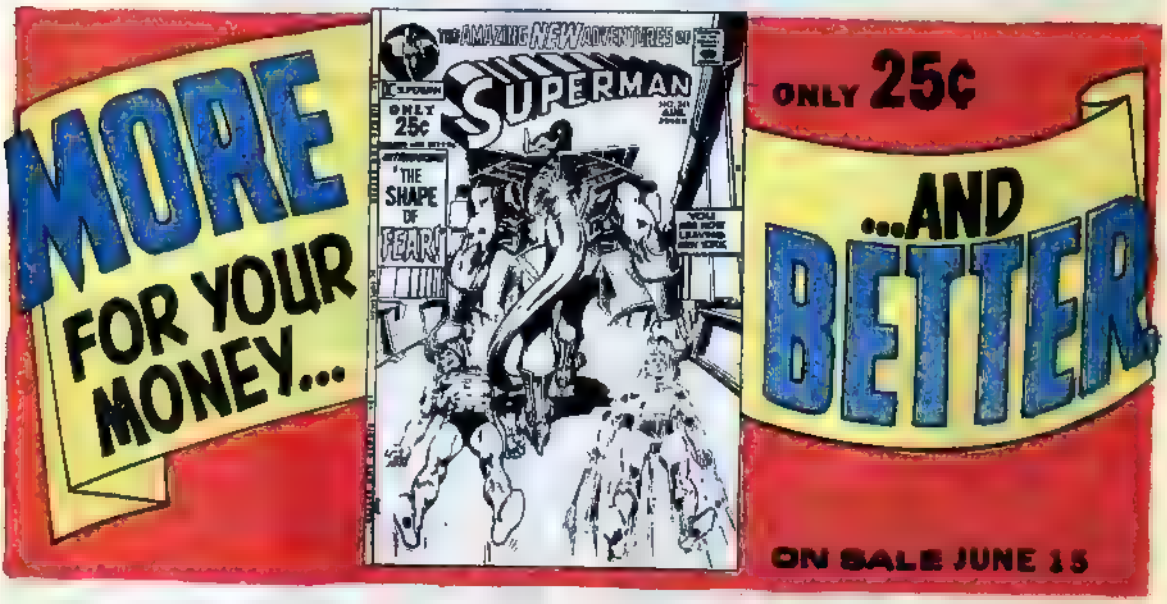
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PART II

IN THE MOST TERRIFIC STRUGGLE OF HER CAREER, **SUPERGIRL** BATTLES WITH MIGHTY **SATAN GIRL** ACROSS HALF THE UNIVERSE IN A VALIANT ATTEMPT TO SAVE HER COMRADES, THE GIRL LEGIONNAIRES! AND THE MOST STAGGERING SURPRISE THE **GIRL OF STEEL** HAS EVER EXPERIENCED COMES WHEN SHE EXPOSES—

The SECRET of SATAN GIRL!

HURRY, **LEGION OF SUPER-PETS!** YOU SUPER-CREATURES ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN SAVE THE **HUMAN** LEGIONNAIRES!

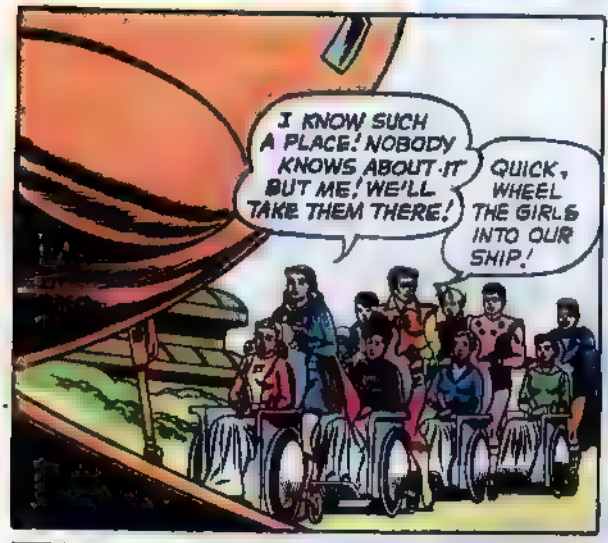
WHEN THE LEGION SHIP ARRIVES AT **QUARANTINE WORLD**, THE SUPER-HEROES FACE AN APPALLING CRISIS!

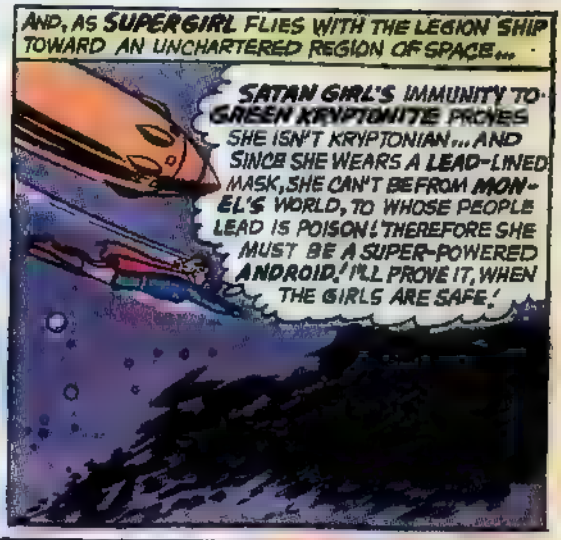
SATAN GIRL STRUCK OUT AT THE GIRL LEGIONNAIRES AGAIN, AND SOMEHOW MADE THEIR CRIMSON VIRUS WORSE! SHE'LL KEEP AT IT UNTIL EACH GIRL DIES!

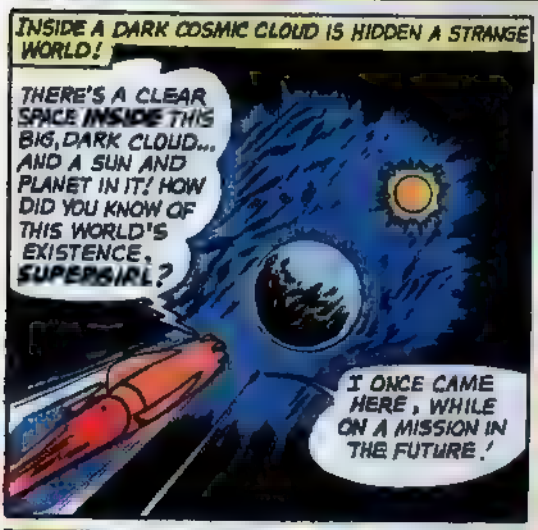
HOW CAN WE STOP HER?

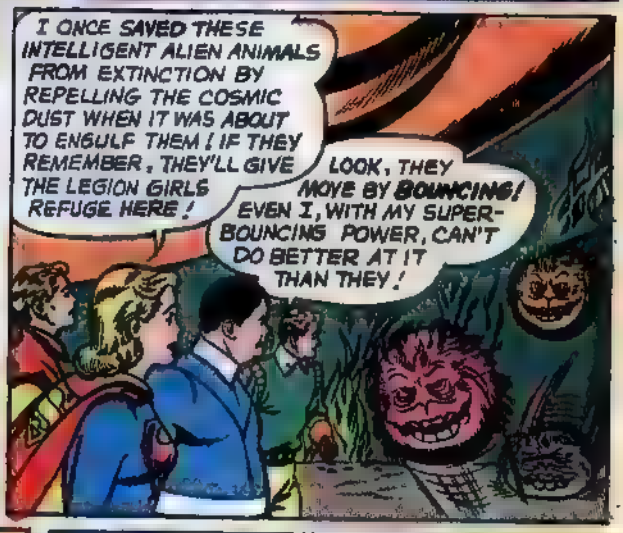
TO CONQUER **SATAN GIRL**, I MUST FIND OUT HER ORIGIN! ONLY THEN WILL I BE ABLE TO DEDUCE WHAT SECRET VULNERABILITY SHE MAY HAVE!

MEANWHILE, WE MUST PROTECT THE GIRLS! CAN'T WE TAKE THEM AWAY FROM **QUARANTINE WORLD** TO SOME SECRET REFUGE?

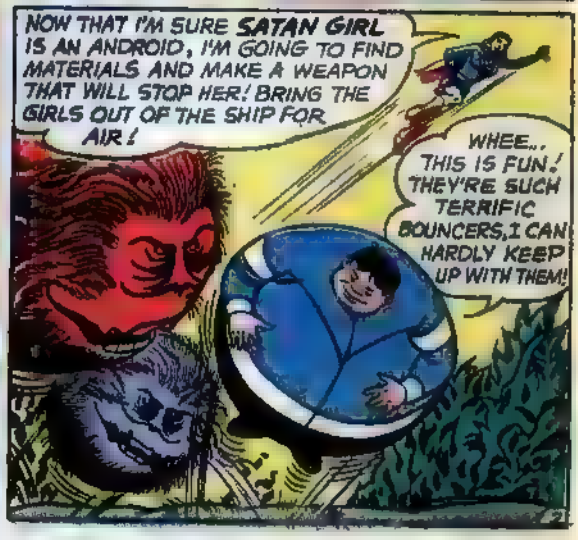

I KNOW SUCH A PLACE! NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT IT BUT ME! WE'LL TAKE THEM THERE!
QUICK, WHEEL THE GIRLS INTO OUR SHIP!


AND, AS SUPERGIRL FLIES WITH THE LEGION SHIP TOWARD AN UNCHARTERED REGION OF SPACE...
SATAN GIRL'S IMMUNITY TO GREEN KRYPTONITE PROVES SHE ISN'T KRYPTONIAN... AND SINCE SHE WEARS A LEAD-LINED MASK, SHE CAN'T BE FROM MON-EL'S WORLD, TO WHOSE PEOPLE LEAD IS POISON! THEREFORE SHE MUST BE A SUPER-POWERED ANDROID! I'LL PROVE IT, WHEN THE GIRLS ARE SAFE!


INSIDE A DARK COSMIC CLOUD IS HIDDEN A STRANGE WORLD!
THERE'S A CLEAR SPACE INSIDE THIS BIG, DARK CLOUD... AND A SUN AND PLANET IN IT! HOW DID YOU KNOW OF THIS WORLD'S EXISTENCE, SUPERGIRL?
I ONCE CAME HERE, WHILE ON A MISSION IN THE FUTURE!


I ONCE SAVED THESE INTELLIGENT ALIEN ANIMALS FROM EXTINCTION BY REPELLING THE COSMIC DUST WHEN IT WAS ABOUT TO ENGULF THEM! IF THEY REMEMBER, THEY'LL GIVE THE LEGION GIRLS REFUGE HERE!
LOOK, THEY MOVE BY BOUNCING! EVEN I, WITH MY SUPER-BOUNCING POWER, CAN'T DO BETTER AT IT THAN THEY!

THEY REMEMBER ME AND ARE GRATEFUL ... WE CAN KEEP THE GIRLS HERE ON THEIR WORLD!
GOOD! I WANT TO GO BOUNCING WITH THEM!


NOW THAT I'M SURE SATAN GIRL IS AN ANDROID, I'M GOING TO FIND MATERIALS AND MAKE A WEAPON THAT WILL STOP HER! BRING THE GIRLS OUT OF THE SHIP FOR AIR!
WHEE... THIS IS FUN! THEY'RE SUCH TERRIFIC BOUNCERS, I CAN HARDLY KEEP UP WITH THEM!

SWIFTLY, SUPERGIRL DIGS ORES AND CHEMICALS AND FASHIONS A STRANGE WEAPON!
THIS WEAPON WILL PROJECT A GAS THAT TEMPORARILY PARALYZES ANY ANDROID'S CHEMICAL LIFE... IT'LL STOP SATAN GIRL! THEN I'LL GO OUT IN SEARCH OF HER!
BUT A SEARCH IS NOT NECESSARY FOR, ONLY A SHORT TIME LATER...
IT'S SATAN GIRL! STOP HER!
HOW COULD SHE KNOW OF THIS WORLD WHEN ONLY I KNEW OF IT? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
BUT IT IS ONLY TOO TRUE!
YOUR LIGHTNING DOESN'T HURT HER, LIGHTNING LAD, ANY MORE THAN MY RADIATED HEAT AND LIGHT!
YOU FOOLS CAN'T OPPOSE ME... MY SUPER-BREATH ALONE WILL SWEEP YOU OUT OF MY PATH!
AND AS THE MIGHTY FORCE OF HER SUPER-BREATH DOES SO...
SUPERGIRL, SHE'S INTENSIFYING THE CRIMSON VIRUS IN THE GIRLS! LOOK-- THEY'RE ALL COLLAPSING!
THE GAS IN THIS GAS-GUN WILL STOP ANY ANDROID! WATCH!
IT DIDN'T WORK! THEN SHE CAN'T BE AN ANDROID, AS I WAS SURE!
HA, HA... SO YOU THOUGHT I'M AN ANDROID? SUPERGIRL, YOU'D BE AMAZED IF YOU KNEW WHO I REALLY AM! I'LL TELL YOU AS I DESTROY YOU!

BUT THE ALIEN ANIMAL FRIENDS OF SUPERGIRL CHARGE INTO THE STRUGGLE!

LOOK! THE STRANGE ANIMALS ARE TRYING TO HELP YOU AND HER SINISTER POWER DOESN'T AFFECT THEM! FOR SOME REASON SHE'S POWERLESS TO HARM ANIMALS! NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO ESCAPE--IF THERE ONLY WAS A PLACE TO HIDE SHE COULDN'T FIND!

WAIT! I JUST THOUGHT OF A WORLD SATAN GIRL COULDN'T POSSIBLY KNOW ABOUT. I'LL TELL YOU WHERE IT IS AND YOU TAKE THE GIRLS THERE IN THE SHIP WHILE WE KEEP HER BUSY!

I HATE TO LEAVE, BUT IT'S FOR THE GIRLS' SAKE!

MOMENTS LATER, AS THE LEGIONNAIRES JET AWAY...

SUPERGIRL'S BOUNCING ALIEN ANIMAL FRIENDS ARE DISTRACTING SATAN GIRL! WE CAN GET AWAY NOW WITH THE GIRLS!

BLAST THAT SUPERGIRL! AS FAST AS I BLOW THESE CREATURE FRIENDS OF HERS OUT OF MY WAY WITH SUPER-BREATH, THEY BOUNCE BACK!

WHEN, A LITTLE LATER, THE BOUNCING ALIENS SUDDENLY WITHDRAW...

SHE'S GONE...AND SO ARE THE LEGIONNAIRES! I MUST FIND THEM QUICKLY, BEFORE MY 48-HOUR TIME-LIMIT EXPIRES!

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IF SUPERGIRL THINKS SHE'S SHAKEN ME OFF THE TRAIL, SHE'S CRAZY. HA, HA... HOW WILD SHE'D BE IF SHE REALIZED THAT I KNOW EVERY SECRET IN HER MIND!

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MEANWHILE, IN FAR SPACE, SUPERGIRL AND THE LEGIONNAIRES LAND ON ONE OF THE STRANGEST WORLDS IN THE UNIVERSE!

GREAT RINGS OF SATURN! WHERE ARE WE?

WE'RE ON THE PUPPET PLANETOID! THIS WORLD IS THE PLAYGROUND FOR THE CHILDREN OF A FANTASTIC RACE OF SUPER-SIZED GIANTS! TO THEM, WE ARE AS PUNY AS ANTS!

"THESE GIANT BEINGS LIVE IN ANOTHER DIMENSION! TO KEEP THEIR COLOSSAL CHILDREN FROM GETTING INTO MISCHIEF, THEY OPENED A TINY GATEWAY IN THEIR DIMENSION THROUGH WHICH THE KIDS COULD DROP THEIR PUPPETS."

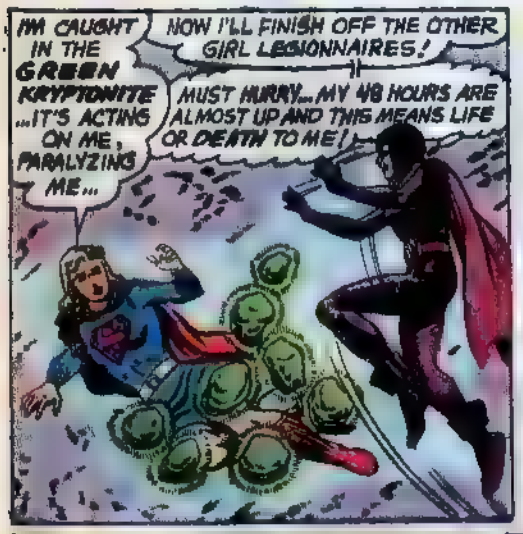
IT'S INCREDIBLE ... THIS WHOLE ASTEROID IS JUST A STAGE FOR THOSE PUPPETS TO PERFORM ON!

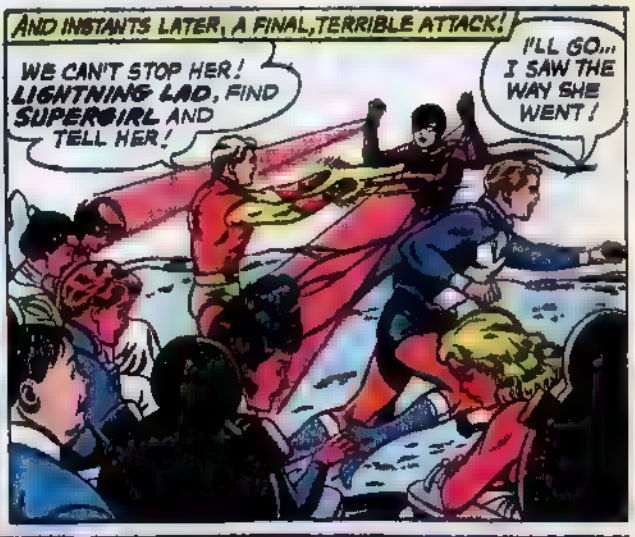
YES, I'VE KEPT KNOWLEDGE OF THIS WORLD A SECRET. NO ONE ELSE, NOT EVEN SATAN GIRL, KNOWS IT EXISTS! WHEEL THE GIRLS OUT OF THE SHIP, SO THEY CAN SEE THIS SIGHT!

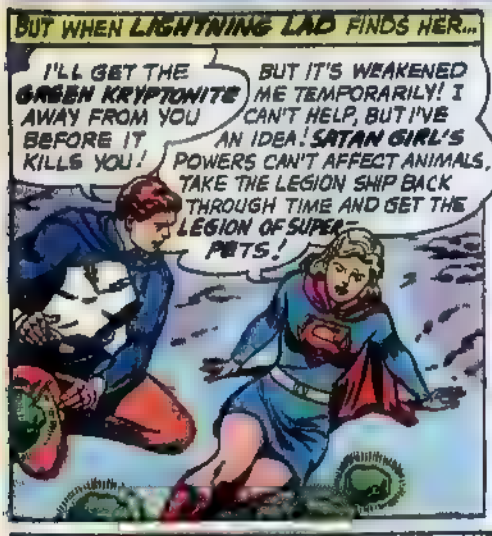
BUT UNEXPECTEDLY, A STUNNING SURPRISE FOR SUPER-GIRL!

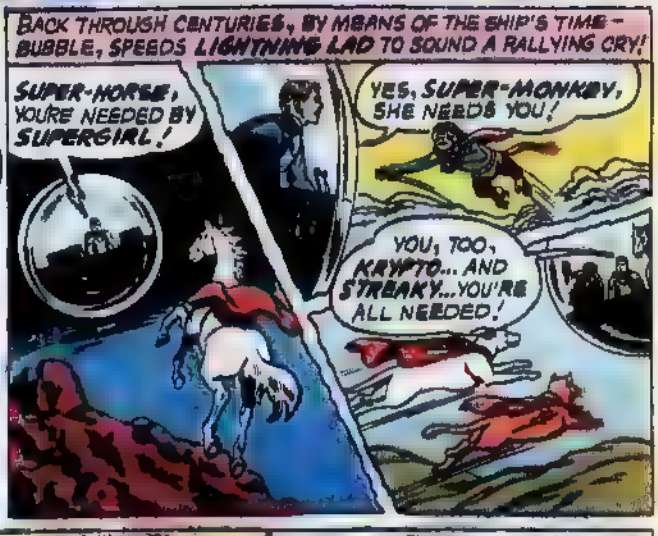
SATAN GIRL!... SOMEHOW SHE DID KNOW OF THIS PLACE! AND SHE'S CARRYING A MASSIVE LOAD OF GREEN KRYPTONITE TO DROP ON ME!

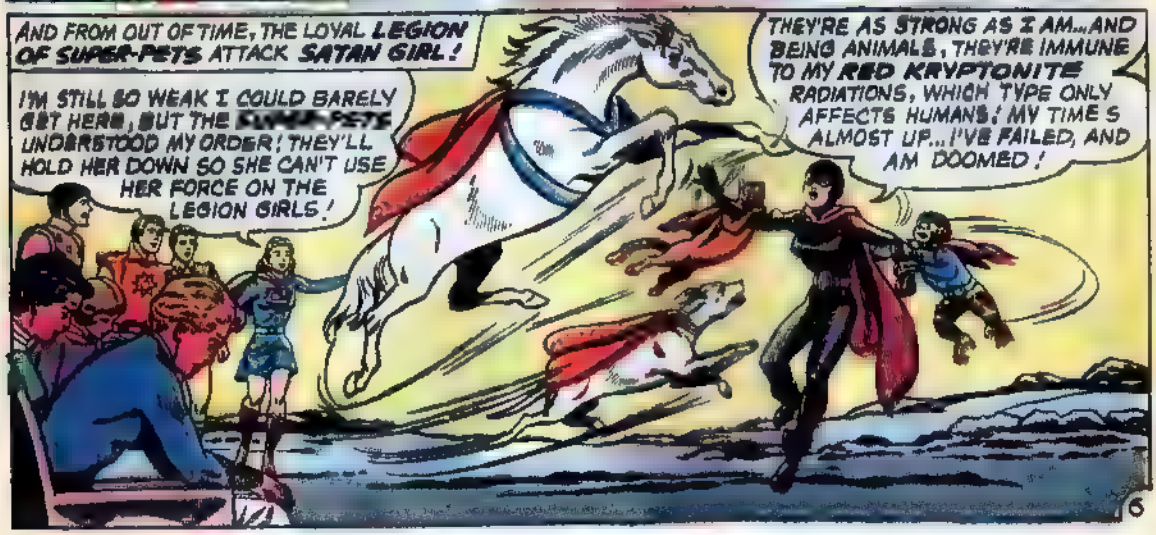
I TOLD YOU I'D DESTROY YOU, SUPERGIRL!

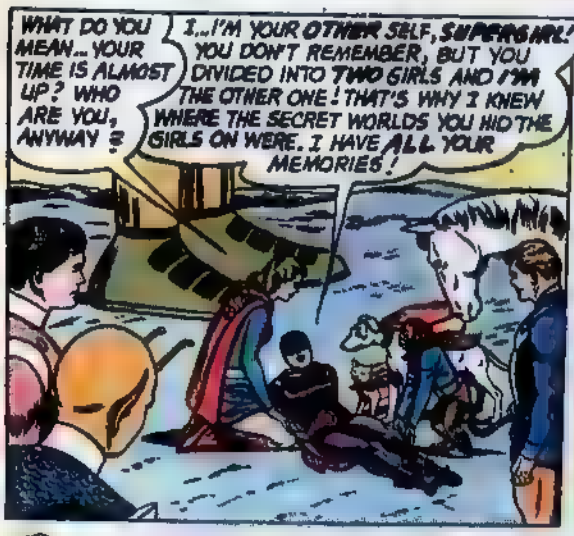

I'M CAUGHT IN THE GREEN KRYPTONITE ...IT'S ACTING ON ME, PARALYZING ME...
NOW I'LL FINISH OFF THE OTHER GIRL LEGIONNAIRES!
MUST HURRY... MY 48 HOURS ARE ALMOST UP AND THIS MEANS LIFE OR DEATH TO ME!

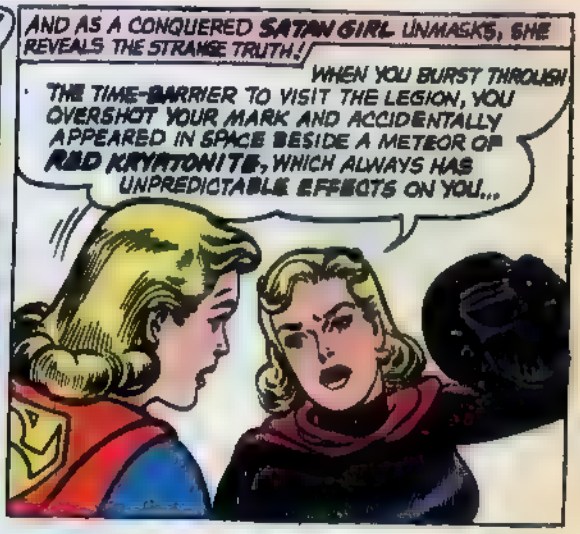

AND INSTANTS LATER, A FINAL, TERRIBLE ATTACK!
WE CAN'T STOP HER! LIGHTNING LAD, FIND SUPERGIRL AND TELL HER!
I'LL GO... I SAW THE WAY SHE WENT!

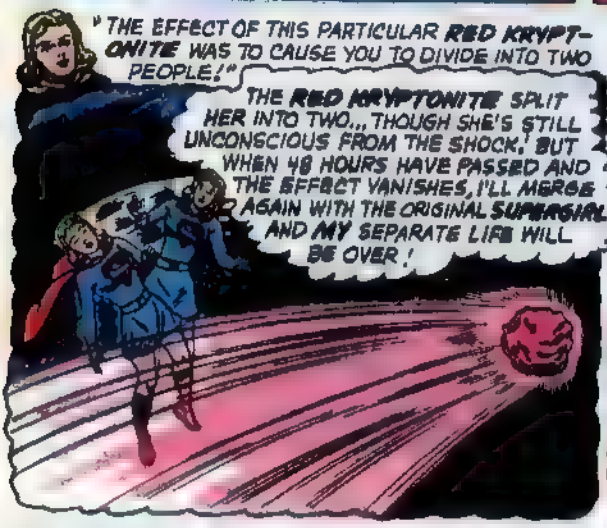

BUT WHEN LIGHTNING LAD FINDS HER...
I'LL GET THE GREEN KRYPTONITE AWAY FROM YOU BEFORE IT KILLS YOU!
BUT IT'S WEAKENED ME TEMPORARILY! I CAN'T HELP, BUT I'VE AN IDEA! SATAN GIRL'S POWERS CAN'T AFFECT ANIMALS. TAKE THE LEGION SHIP BACK THROUGH TIME AND GET THE LEGION OF SUPER PETS!

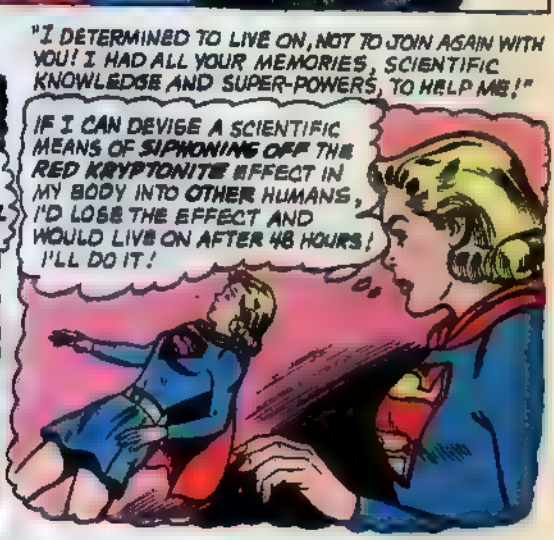

BACK THROUGH CENTURIES, BY MEANS OF THE SHIP'S TIME-BUBBLE, SPEEDS LIGHTNING LAD TO SOUND A RALLYING CRY!
SUPER-HORSE, YOU'RE NEEDED BY SUPERGIRL!
YES, SUPER-MONKEY, SHE NEEDS YOU!
YOU, TOO, KRYPTO... AND STREAKY... YOU'RE ALL NEEDED!

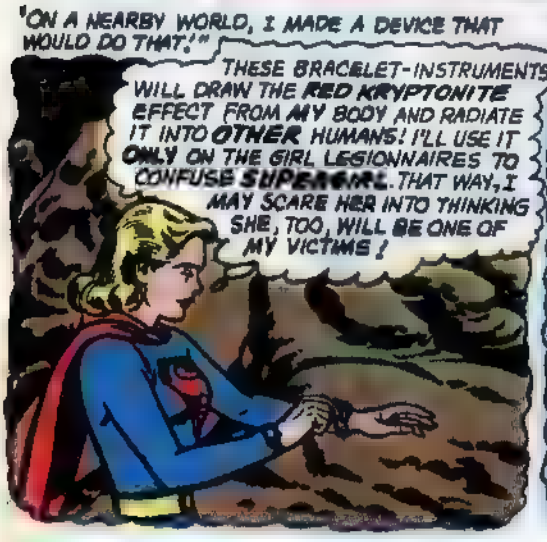

AND FROM OUT OF TIME, THE LOYAL LEGION OF SUPER-PETS ATTACK SATAN GIRL!
I'M STILL SO WEAK I COULD BARELY GET HERE, BUT THE SUPER-PETS UNDERSTOOD MY ORDER! THEY'LL HOLD HER DOWN SO SHE CAN'T USE HER FORCE ON THE LEGION GIRLS!
THEY'RE AS STRONG AS I AM... AND BEING ANIMALS, THEY'RE IMMUNE TO MY RED KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS, WHICH TYPE ONLY AFFECTS HUMANS! MY TIME S ALMOST UP... I'VE FAILED, AND AM DOOMED!

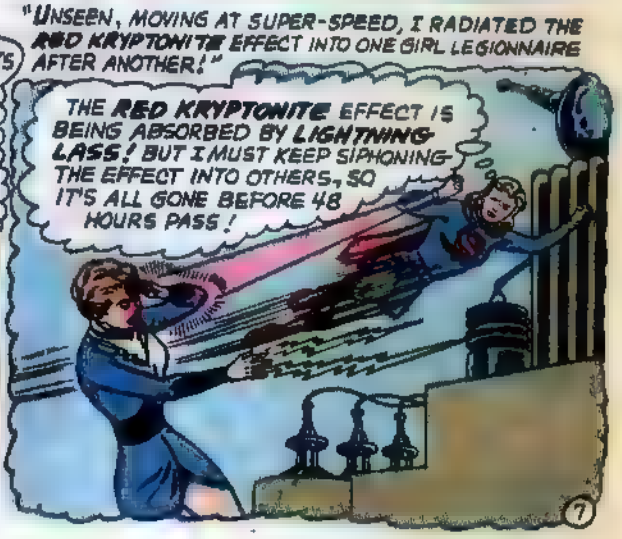

WHAT DO YOU MEAN... YOUR TIME IS ALMOST UP? WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
I...I'M YOUR OTHER SELF, SUPERGIRL! YOU DON'T REMEMBER, BUT YOU DIVIDED INTO TWO GIRLS AND I'M THE OTHER ONE! THAT'S WHY I KNEW WHERE THE SECRET WORLDS YOU HID THE GIRLS ON WERE. I HAVE ALL YOUR MEMORIES!

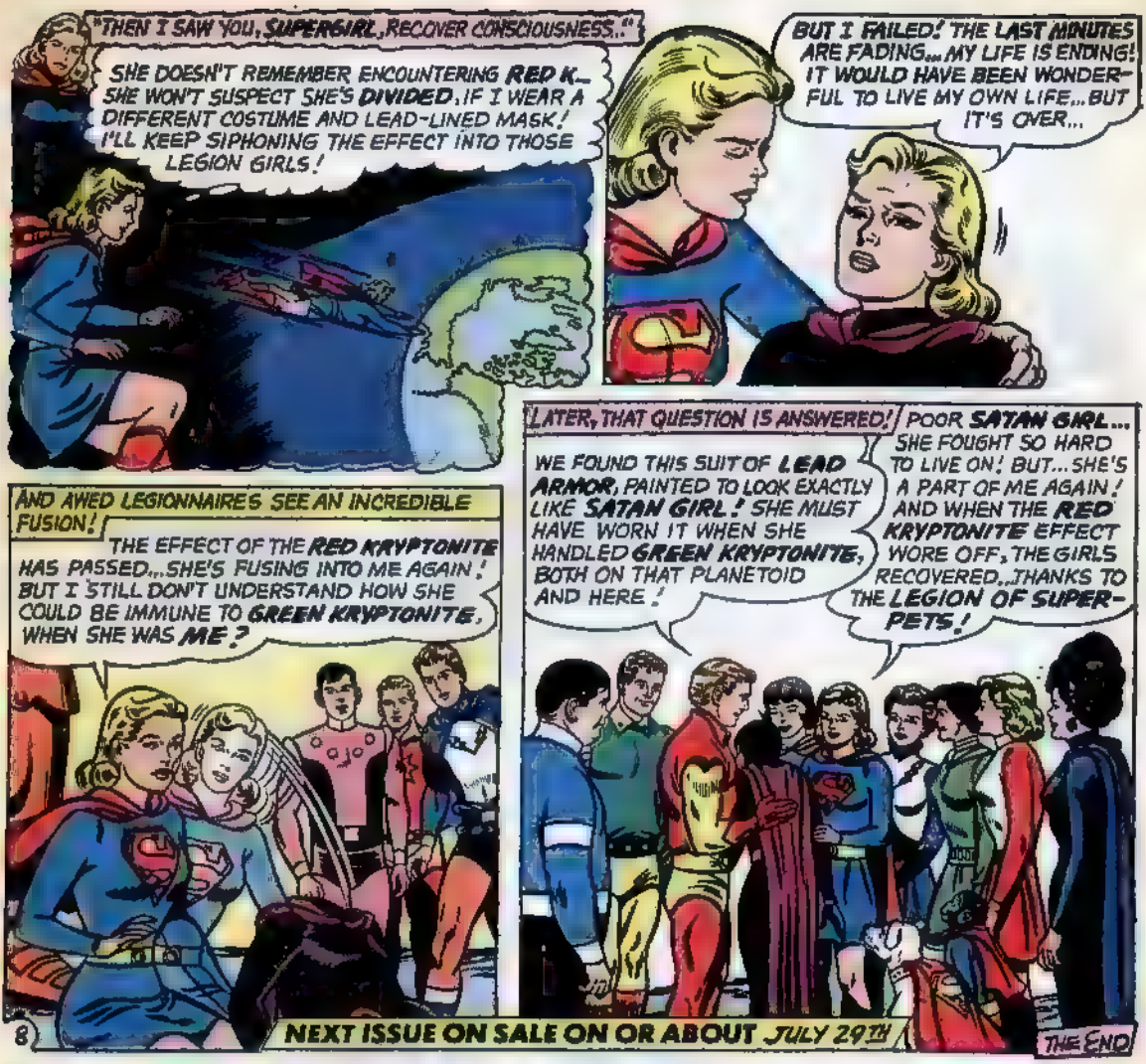

AND AS A CONQUERED SATAN GIRL UNMASKS, SHE REVEALS THE STRANGE TRUTH!
WHEN YOU BURST THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER TO VISIT THE LEGION, YOU OVERSHOT YOUR MARK AND ACCIDENTALLY APPEARED IN SPACE BESIDE A METEOR OF RED KRYPTONITE, WHICH ALWAYS HAS UNPREDICTABLE EFFECTS ON YOU...


"THE EFFECT OF THIS PARTICULAR RED KRYPTONITE WAS TO CAUSE YOU TO DIVIDE INTO TWO PEOPLE!"
THE RED KRYPTONITE SPLIT HER INTO TWO... THOUGH SHE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS FROM THE SHOCK! BUT WHEN 48 HOURS HAVE PASSED AND THE EFFECT VANISHES, I'LL MERGE AGAIN WITH THE ORIGINAL SUPERGIRL AND MY SEPARATE LIFE WILL BE OVER!


"I DETERMINED TO LIVE ON, NOT TO JOIN AGAIN WITH YOU! I HAD ALL YOUR MEMORIES, SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND SUPER-POWERS, TO HELP ME!"
IF I CAN DEVISE A SCIENTIFIC MEANS OF SIPHONING OFF THE RED KRYPTONITE EFFECT IN MY BODY INTO OTHER HUMANS, I'D LOSE THE EFFECT AND WOULD LIVE ON AFTER 48 HOURS! I'LL DO IT!


"ON A NEARBY WORLD, I MADE A DEVICE THAT WOULD DO THAT!"
THESE BRACELET-INSTRUMENTS WILL DRAW THE RED KRYPTONITE EFFECT FROM MY BODY AND RADIATE IT INTO OTHER HUMANS! I'LL USE IT ONLY ON THE GIRL LEGIONNAIRES TO CONFUSE SUPERGIRL. THAT WAY, I MAY SCARE HER INTO THINKING SHE, TOO, WILL BE ONE OF MY VICTIMS!


"UNSEEN, MOVING AT SUPER-SPEED, I RADIATED THE RED KRYPTONITE EFFECT INTO ONE GIRL LEGIONNAIRE AFTER ANOTHER!"
THE RED KRYPTONITE EFFECT IS BEING ABSORBED BY LIGHTNING LASS! BUT I MUST KEEP SIPHONING THE EFFECT INTO OTHERS, SO IT'S ALL GONE BEFORE 48 HOURS PASS!


"THEN I SAW YOU, SUPERGIRL, RECOVER CONSCIOUSNESS.."
SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER ENCOUNTERING RED K.. SHE WON'T SUSPECT SHE'S DIVIDED. IF I WEAR A DIFFERENT COSTUME AND LEAD-LINED MASK! I'LL KEEP SIPHONING THE EFFECT INTO THOSE LEGION GIRLS!
BUT I FAILED! THE LAST MINUTES ARE FADING... MY LIFE IS ENDING! IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL TO LIVE MY OWN LIFE... BUT IT'S OVER...
AND AWED LEGIONNAIRES SEE AN INCREDIBLE FUSION!
THE EFFECT OF THE RED KRYPTONITE HAS PASSED... SHE'S FUSING INTO ME AGAIN! BUT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW SHE COULD BE IMMUNE TO GREEN KRYPTONITE, WHEN SHE WAS ME?
LATER, THAT QUESTION IS ANSWERED!
WE FOUND THIS SUIT OF LEAD ARMOR, PAINTED TO LOOK EXACTLY LIKE SATAN GIRL! SHE MUST HAVE WORN IT WHEN SHE HANDLED GREEN KRYPTONITE, BOTH ON THAT PLANETOID AND HERE!
POOR SATAN GIRL... SHE FOUGHT SO HARD TO LIVE ON! BUT... SHE'S A PART OF ME AGAIN! AND WHEN THE RED KRYPTONITE EFFECT WORE OFF, THE GIRLS RECOVERED... THANKS TO THE LEGION OF SUPER-PETS!
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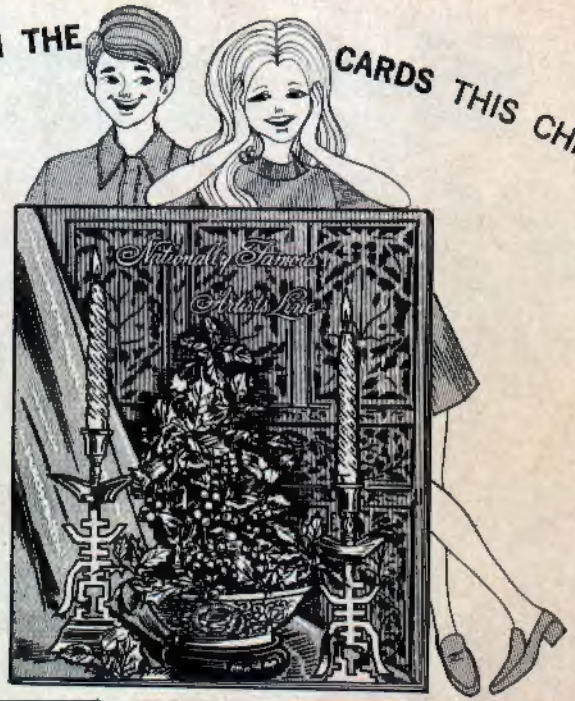

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